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"Don't knock
masturbation, It's sex
with someone I love."

Woody Allen

SEX MATTERS...



IN TOUCH WITH OUR SEXUALITY SINCE 1961

Memorial turns down transfer credit request from Baptist college

by Michael Connors
The Muse

ST. JOHN'S Nfld. (CUP) — Memorial University's governing body on academic matters has voted not to accept transfer credits from a Baptist university in New Brunswick, reopening a three-year-old debate revolving around the question of academic freedom at Bible colleges.

The Moncton-based Atlantic Baptist University (ABU) had requested that Memorial recognize its courses for transfer credits following a case two years ago when one of its graduates could not have her degree recognized because of university policy.

That request was turned down, however, because MUN requires that an institution be a member of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC), a nation-wide body representing 88 universities and colleges, in order to be recognized for transfer credits. ABU is not a member.

ABU then asked that Memorial make an exception on the basis that it is individually recognized by other Atlantic universities who are AUCC members. Glenn Collins, MUN's registrar, said the Senate considered the matter in light of a debate

it had on Bible colleges in 1994.

"The Senate debated the general question, 'Should we recognize Bible colleges for transfer credits?' And the decision that Senate took was no we should not," Collins said. "It was based on a couple of reasons, largely because most of these colleges require a statement of faith from their professors, [and] most of them don't conduct research."

Collins said there was an impression among many Senators that a statement of faith can, coupled with a lack of research responsibilities, negatively impact on the quality of courses taught at an institution.

But Seth Crowell, ABU's registrar, disagrees because he says ABU is not a Bible college. Clark also said the Senate's decision was one of practicality, in that it is easier for the university to determine whether an institution is suitable for transfer by virtue of it being a member of the AUCC.

Although his university's mission statement promises to provide a "Christ-centred" learning environment, Crowell says students and faculty are not required to conform to any religious faith.

While Crowell acknowl-

edges that the religious basis of an institution might affect the way courses are taught, he says secular institutions are no different.

"I guess I would argue that every ideology has to struggle with that to some extent," Crowell said. "I wouldn't want to suggest at all that there wouldn't be an issue where an individual's faith doesn't have a way of colouring perspective, but no more so than if I was a Marxist or feminist or a conservative or a liberal. And professors are allowed to have those opinions."

ABU is privately owned by the Baptist Churches of Atlantic Canada, and has been recognized as degree-granting institution by the New Brunswick government since the early '80s. It last inquired about AUCC membership five years ago, but was turned down because the association had placed a temporary moratorium on all new members while it was doing a periodic review of its membership policy.

Crowell says ABU has not looked into membership since then, but will probably investigate it again in the near future. Until such time, MUN's position on ABU will remain the same, Collins said.

Memorial copyrights "software engineering"

by Sean Ryan
The Muse

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CUP) — Memorial University has trademarked the phrase "software engineering" in response to a law suit from provincial and national engineering associations.

The move is the latest in a continuing legal battle that started in the summer when the Canadian Council of Professional Engineers (CCPE) and the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Newfoundland (APEGN) filed joint legal action against MUN.

The CCPE, who own the trademark to the word "engineering", and APEGN both say Memorial has violated federal trademark regulations by offering a computer science degree program entitled "Honours in Software Engineering".

"They fired a shot across our bow, [this is our response]," said MUN president Art May in a statement at the last university Senate meeting.

Wayne Thistle, MUN's vice-president of administration and finance, confirmed that the university has a document to protect the claim under a provision of the trademark act.

But, he added, "it is simply a move that our sources though would be appropriate and it may or may not have any real significance in the [legal] action that has commenced."

APEGN's Executive Direc-

tor Allen Steeves said the reason for the law suit is simple.

"In cases where it could affect the public interest or public safety, mainly through the public thinking somebody was a professional engineer who wasn't, that would be of great concern to us and should of great concern to everybody," he said.

"Our understanding of the trademark rules is that we have some rights to these terms in every situation that uses *engineer* or *engineering*," he said.

Thistle said the dispute is "unnecessary" and, because the word *engineering* is now used in reference to so many different things, the CCPE "has lost any ability to refuse people the right to use it."

While he would not speculate on CCPE's reasoning, Thistle also pointed out that they are only targeting Memorial.

"The University of British Columbia offers an identical program, as does the University of Toronto - no action has been taken against them," he said. "We know we are the only ones that have been sued."

In August an attempt by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada to join MUN as an "intervener" was refused by the courts. Documentation outlining both arguments was submitted to the federal court on Sept. 23. Unless

Liberals pledge \$1-billion for post-secondary scholarships

by Carla Tonelli
The Varsity

TORONTO (CUP) — It may be a billion dollar pie, but that doesn't mean everyone can have a piece of it.

Prime Minister Jean Chretien's announcement last week of a \$1-billion scholarship fund to be in place by the year 2000 is meeting qualified praise and outright criticism from all corners of the education sector.

While details of a Canada millennium scholarship endowment fund have yet to be disclosed, it is certain that academic merit will be one of the criteria used in awarding these scholarships earmarked for low- and moderate-income students.

But some low-income students with already high debt loads say the added academic performance criteria won't provide assistance where it's needed most.

"That is so unfair," said Sherry

MacLeod, a single mother in her first year of law school at the University of Victoria who has already accrued a \$70,000 student debt.

"I have to compete in an already highly competitive environment I work hard for my marks. And there are lots of parents like me, we don't have the same opportunity to spend all our time on achieving those marks," she said.

Since the Liberals took power in 1993, they have cut \$2.29-billion from postsecondary education and the average debt at graduation for those who borrowed has climbed from \$13,000 to \$22,000.

In his speech on Sept. 24, Chretien said there could be "no better role for government than to help young Canadians prepare for the knowledge based society of the next century."

But student loans recipient and single mother Tracey Lauriault, co-

ordinator of Carleton University's part-time and mature students' centre says this approach to student aid is unfair and discriminatory.

"What I'd like to hear is \$1-billion for bursary for students in need. Period. Not youth, not scholarly achievement, but based on need," she said, adding that there is a strong correlation between lower marks and parental responsibilities, language barriers, cultural differences and disability.

Preliminary calculations indicate that scholarships of \$5,000 each will be available for about 20,000 students a year - a fraction of the 385,000 currently receiving Canada Student Loans.

Robert Best, director of government relations and public affairs for the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, says he welcomes the announcement, but has reservations about the academic merit add-on.

"What we have here is a historical announcement," Best said. "Clearly, it was short on details, but the stress on low and moderate income students is highly significant. We'll have to see whether the scholarship fund meets the needs we identified," he said.

Although Chretien specified the program was to be a reward system for academic excellence among low- and moderate-income Canadians in his announcement, Pascale Montmigny of the Prime Minister's office says it's too early to talk detail.

High fees deterring students from higher education

by David Cochrane
Ottawa Bureau

OTTAWA (CUP) — Rising educational costs may be deterring some students from pursuing postsecondary education, says a Statistics Canada report.

The agency released its Education Quarterly Report on Sept. 25 and said recent evidence suggests the combination rising fees and shrinking financial resources available to students may be squeezing young people out of the postsecondary education system.

Between 1975 and 1995 the proportion of 19 to 24 year olds enrolled in universities grew steadily. But that trend slowed after 1993, resulting in a drop in enrollment in 1994 and 1995 the report said.

"The 1994 and 1995 drops in enrollment may be a sign that fees had reached levels that were deterring potential students from enrolling," the report stated.

Government funding to universities per tuition dollar collected has fallen from \$6.44 in 1980 to just \$2.97 in 1995. Most of that money is being recovered through soaring tuition fees, which have doubled in the last 10 years.

By the middle of this decade, the report says, education fees were "less affordable for the average family than at any time during the previous 20 years."

It's a trend the Canadian Federation of Students has been predicting for years.

"We're not surprised," said Jocelyn Charron, government relations co-ordinator for the CFS. "All tuition fees in Ontario have increased and since 1990 all the provinces have seriously cut back or eliminated their grant system."

The report also says the entire country will suffer the consequences if young people are denied accessible education.

"It follows that future economic and social costs will be incurred if higher fees reduce access to university," the report said.

Hoops Harrison, the executive director of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations, says the government needs to take the lead on keeping educational doors open.

"It's like the [education] system is juggernauting along with no plan," Harrison said. "The government has to stop the train before it reaches the edge."

The report also stated that broad access to education is essential for an equal society.

"Broad access to university education is important because it offers more equitable opportunities for a better standard of living and sense of well-being."

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Academic restructuring still unresolved

by Norman Shields
News Editor

LU's Academic Senate must still address the academic structure of the university. Contrary to a report that appeared in Lambda on September 11, LU has not formally adopted a restructuring scheme that would have created two faculties to replace the existing system of four.

The motion that would have enabled the restructuring fell at Senate because it failed to obtain a two-thirds majority, which is required to amend Senate By-Laws. This was the final blow to an ill-fated scheme that was the source of a great deal of anguish at last year's Senate.

The setback, however, did not deter LU administration from its budgetary commitment to only two Deans. Dr. Joan Mount was appointed Dean of the Science and Professional School faculties, while

Dr. Robert Segsworth was appointed Dean of the Social Science and Humanities faculties. Dr. Mount is the past Dean of the Professional Schools, and Dr. Segsworth is the past Dean of the Social Sciences. Dr. Colilli (Humanities) and Dr. Keays (Science and Engineering) were not renewed as Deans.

At September 19's Senate meeting, members of ACAPLAN, the Senate committee that proposed the two-faculty structure, were noticeably silent when the issue of academic structure was reintroduced. Dr. Henri Pallard expressed his dismay that the committee never looked seriously at a one-faculty structure.

ACAPLAN was also the object of severe criticism last year, perhaps less for its proposal than for its apparent indifference to the concerns and solicited recommendations of certain departments.

The primary motivating factor behind the restructuring was to promote more efficient use of the university's faculty and staff resources. The bureaucratic "barriers" created by the four-faculty structure were seen as an impediment to this strategy and "restructuring" was born.

The one-faculty structure may yet receive attention. For the purpose of addressing the efficiency of the delivery of service, it may prove the most sensible because no artificial barriers are created and certain peculiarities inherent to a two-faculty structure in the era of interdisciplinarity are avoided.

As a case in point, consider that LU's Social Work and Sociology draw their professors from two different faculties, because the former properly belongs to the Professional Schools while the latter, obviously, is a Social Science.

The New Founder's Square

by Norman Shields
News Editor

LU's new Founder's Square should be mostly completed by the end of October. The \$200,000 facelift to the courtyard has been undertaken to improve its appearance and to correct several health hazards present. At the same time, the Sudbury Region took the opportunity to replace the thirty-year old watermain which runs down the center of the Square.

The new courtyard (see artist's sketch, below) will be considerably different from its predecessor. Replacing the concrete slabs which stretched from one end to the other will be interlocking stone. The concrete slabs, according to Norm Lajeunesse of the Physical Plant, were a considerable health risk since they were uneven and often crumbling apart. This also impeded wheelchair users in the courtyard.

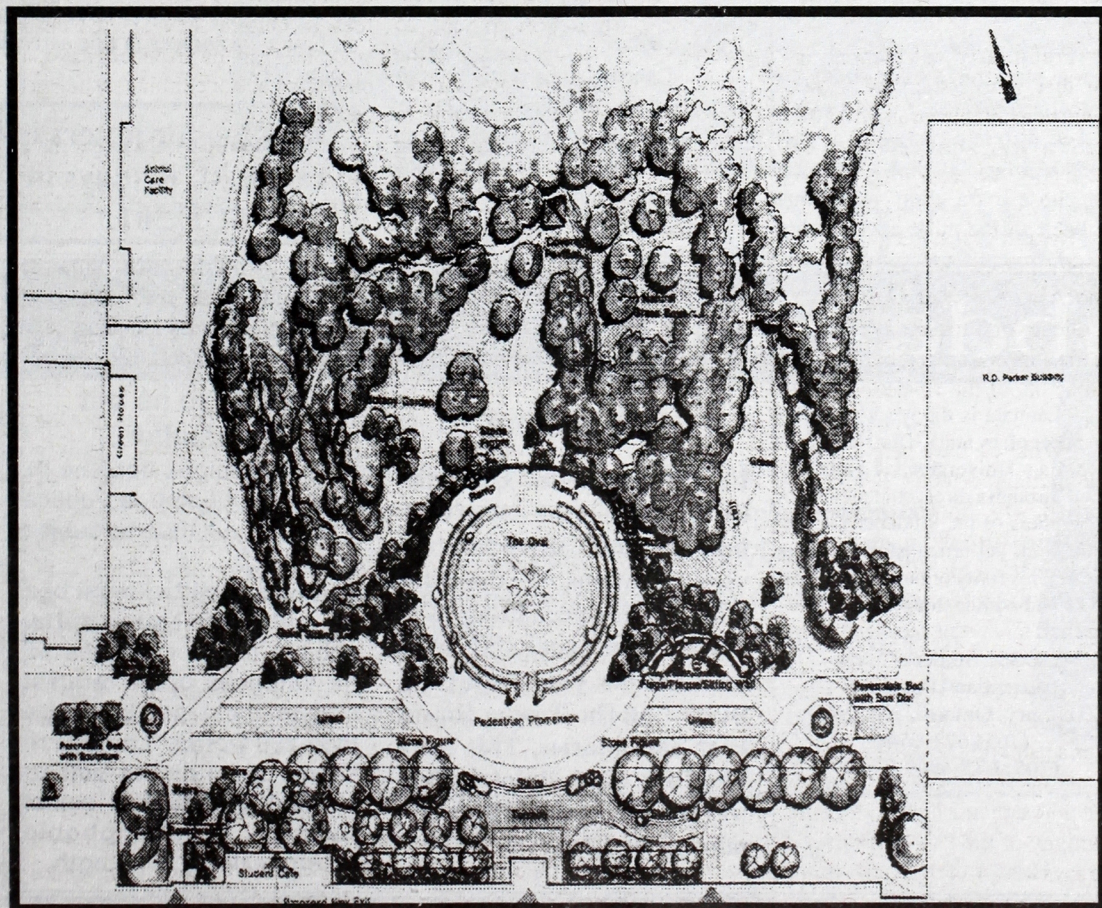
LU, two years ago, estimated the cost of restoring the slabs at \$200,000. Thus, they were able to do considerably more by using alternative materials. Mr. Lajeunesse also stipulated that LU was able to address the "military square" atmosphere of the previous courtyard. The new Founder's Square is designed to express "more life, warmth, campus appeal..."

The new watermain was desperately needed. LU has endured an average of one watermain "break" each year. The previous system was installed in 1962 and was made of cast-iron pipes. According to Mr. Lajeunesse, cast-iron is more brittle than modern watermain technology and is subject to fracture, which LU's past difficulties serves to illustrate. The problem, for LU, was compounded by the fact that the courtyard is usually plowed throughout the winter, which allowed the frost to penetrate deeper in the ground than

would be the case if the courtyard remain snow-covered. The new watermain uses newer technology and has been sunk deeper into the ground.

LU's Physical Plant has identified \$10 million in restoration or maintenance work that should be done on campus, including roofs, wheelchair access to some buildings, ventilation systems and roads. The Physical Plant has an annual budget for these projects in the neighbourhood of \$500,000, thus most are on a priority basis. He does note that Federal and Provincial money for University infrastructure projects sometimes comes available, allowing institutions such as LU to multiply their investment.

In examining the sketch below, delete the "student cafe" at the bottom left. Budgetary constraints prevented this aspect of the Square to be completed at this time, but is expected to be built in the next two or three years.



LU News Briefs

Laurentian graduate among Little Rock 9

Minnijean (Jean) Trickey, a LU graduate, was amongst the Little Rock 9 who were commemorated last week by U.S. President Bill Clinton. The Little Rock 9 were the first nine black children to be integrated into the all-white school system forty years ago in Arkansas. It was not a smooth transition. In fact, President Eisenhower was forced to use armed federal troops to escort the children into the school, where they suffered enormous abuse from teachers and students alike. Ms. Trickey graduated from LU with a degree in Native Human Service and is currently a social worker in Ottawa.

Science and Engineering Academic Excellence

An informal reception on Friday, September 26 honoured the 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 Dean's Scholars in Sciences and Engineering. The Dean's Entrance Scholarship, valued at \$5000 and renewable every four years, are awarded to students entering the University with a minimum average of 90%.

The four exceptional recipients are: Sumit Sharan, 1994-95; Pavan Koka, 1995-96; Mary Catherine Rauh, 1996-97; and Nelson Eng, 1997-98. Eng is a Sudbury resident and graduate of Lasalle Secondary School. He is also the top Ontario high school student with a 99.8% average in his six best OAC's. Also honoured at this reception were students with the highest averages in second, third and fourth years in Sciences and Engineering.

The former President of Inco Limited, Mr. Jim Ashcroft, was also awarded a special gift of appreciation for his support towards Laurentian's Faculty of Sciences and Professions.

Laurentian University hosts Canadian Human Rights Commissioner

Chief Commissioner of the Canadian Human Rights Commission, Michelle Falardeau-Ramsay, was at LU on Wednesday, October 1. She presented an address entitled "Human Rights in Employment: The Challenge of Equality".

Ms. Falardeau-Ramsay discussed the new challenges of the modern workplace, women in the workforce, racial diversity and other significant topics. Ms. Falardeau-Ramsay was appointed to head the Canadian Human Rights Commission in January 1997, and is the first woman to hold this position. She received her law degree at the Université de Montréal, had her own private practice, then was appointed Deputy Chairman of the Public Service Staff Relations Board in 1975. She went on to serve as Chairman of the Immigration Appeal Board from 1982 to 1988. She later became the Canadian Human Rights Commission's Deputy Chief Commissioner, a position she held until her most recent appointment as Chief Commissioner.

Student Debt Crisis

We all know we're broke, now, finally, the government is admitting it. September 23's Throne Speech acknowledged that the average student debt load for next year is projected at \$25,000. What is even more disturbing is that approximately 60% of all full-time students in Canada are forced to take out student loans to pursue their education.

Brad Lavigne, National Chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students, has urged the government to act by introducing a national system of grants. Lavigne believes that "the greatest contribution the federal government can make in the pursuit of excellence is to ensure that students have the resources they need so that they can concentrate on their studies, not worry where their next meal will come from or if they will be able to afford to complete their studies."

2nd Annual Open House

LU will be hosting its 2nd Annual Open House on Saturday, October 25. This year's objective is Learning Without Boundaries. A variety of activities have been planned for everyone, from kindergarten students to seniors, and special contests will be featured for both elementary and secondary school students.

Some events to look forward to include: a mini archaeological dig, the cyber-cafe, a planetarium show and the scavenger hunt. These activities will be running in different parts of LU between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Visitors to the open house may also enjoy a free public swim in the University's Olympic-sized pool. The pool will be available between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The public has also been invited to watch a varsity swimming competition involving athletes from LU and the universities of Waterloo and Guelph.

To satisfy the appetite, a free barbecue lunch will be offered in the Science II Cafeteria and the Ben Avery Building, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Musical entertainment at the barbecue and at the free evening concert at 7 p.m. will be provided by local groups.

Canadian Law Schools

Maclean's magazine has published a 24-page survey of Canada's 16 most common law schools. The goal of co-ordinator, Ann Dowsett Johnston, Maclean's assistant managing editor, was to assist undergraduates considering legal careers in making informed decisions.

The survey, entitled the Grad Satisfaction Report, features a poll of nearly 4,000 recent graduates and 5,000 judges, practicing lawyers, and legal academics. The questions the survey intended to answer include: which schools are the toughest to enter, where are the smartest students, where are the smallest classes and which schools have the most generous scholarships and bursary programs.

The report can be found in the Monday, September 29 issue.

Letter to the Editor

We wish to respond to the article that appeared in your September 11, 1997 issue on the New Code of Student Conduct.

Though there are many troubling aspects to this whole venture in university law making, we would like to focus on our comments on the limited, and rather uncreative, options that have been proposed as the appropriate dispute resolution processes for such matters. Though it is true that the adversarial judicial model is, to a large degree, the default process for dispute resolution in our society, it need not, and should not be our first choice. Talk about a "quasi-criminal code", and a "charter of student rights and responsibilities", when coupled with a "Judiciary Panel" call to mind many of the most contentious aspects of our legal system; ones that enlightened and progressive members of the administration of justice community are currently working on downplaying and even in some cases dismantling. Why, we wonder, is Laurentian University proposing to walk down this barren and harmful path?

Conflict will always be with us, and conflict is not always an evil to be avoided. It is through conflict that we are often challenged to test our most deeply held ideas, and to transform our relationships with others into more positive and fruitful ones. The "legal" model treats social conflict as something to be eradicated, much as a non-selective herbicide kills all the vegetation with which it interacts, not distinguishing between flowers and weeds. Though no one can deny that there are often serious disputes that occur on this campus that need our attention, we question whether it is appropriate to set up tribunals to adjudicate over the participants. To do so is to choose to disempower those who are in difficult situations, and to arrogate to ourselves power over their lives. Universities ought to be places that foster empowerment, both intellectual and moral.

The tragedy of these proposals is that there are desirable alternative models to be explored in the area of dispute resolution, particularly mediation. Mediation is a wonderfully powerful process that can be ruthless with the real problems in the case, yet respectful in the humanity and dignity of all of everyone involved. It encourages people to be responsible for their actions and to be accounted for them. When it resolves a case the satisfaction of everyone involved is

uniformly reported as being extremely high. Ask yourself about the last time you heard anyone who unabashedly praised the legal process! Even if one wins an adversarial trial, the emotional and financial costs can be ruinous. Do we want to be a part on an institution that enflames conflict, and encourages its students to devote their attention to the strategic planning for "trials" and the like? That this draft document is now in the hands of the university's lawyers should be instructive to those who attempt to predict the future course of this initiative. Just as you can't be a "little bit pregnant" you also cannot just implement pale imitations of the legal process.

Mediation is not a panacea. There will always be some cases that cannot be resolved through it. But neither is a legal model a complete solution to campus conflict. Although mediation is an ancient practice, how it works is not a matter of public consciousness at present. we challenge those who are considering the adoption of such a code of conduct to pause and consider the value that some creative reflection on process might have on moving this university closer toward becoming a true community rather than a litigious viper's nest.

Robert A. Kominar & Henri Pallard
Dept. of Law & Justice

The Amiable Librarian

This column is based on questions or suggestions received by staff members of the Desmarais library, either personally or on the "Compliments/Questions/Suggestions" form that may be filled out near the exit of the library.

Question: Students in their fourth year require the use of more than 15 books. An honors thesis is just one of the many projects throughout the year. I hope you can consider raising the amount of allowed books to at least 25 for students undertaking an undergraduate thesis. Thanks-Dan Lacelle.

Reply: The regulations determining the number and loan periods for books are established by the Senate Library Committee on which students have representation. Recent committees have determined that 15 was a reasonable number to loan undergrads, a figure set in 1990, and one which raised the earlier number—3—set in the early 1970's! Possibly it is time to review that matter again, and so the Amiable Librarian has forwarded your concern to the Director of the Library, Lionel Bonin, for possible inclusion on a future agenda of the Committee.

Question: Why doesn't the library encourage two-sided copy-

ing? It would reduce the amount of paper used and probably wouldn't be hard to learn. Other universities such as McMaster already do this and so why couldn't Laurentian?-Matt Down

Reply: The Amiable referred this matter to the library business officer who is on top of such matters. She added that there is in fact one double-sided copier already on the third floor which you may use if you like but she has no plans to buy more. Reasons: students only making one copy would be charged for two since two pulses are required for double-sided copying. Further, double-sided copiers tend to break down more often than their single-sided counterparts because they need additional components. She would rather invest extra money in improving the single-sided copiers the library now uses.

Question: Do you have a book on lie detection? I looked in the title catalogue and found nothing-Puzzled.

Reply: If you find you are getting nothing on a topic, try truncating the important words in that topic. In the on-line catalogue, truncation means putting a little asterisk after at least three letters

of a word. Example: lie* detect*. The computer reads the asterisk to include not only the letters you have included but any words beginning with those letters-lie, lies, detect, detects, detection and so on.

Of course you have to be careful how you truncate 'cause if your not careful you might retrieve titles that have nothing to do with you want. Example: when looking for books on Canada, if you truncate that word as Cana* you'd also pick up books on canaries, canasta and canapés.

In addition to watching where you truncate, you might also want to consider searching for your topic in the Subject section of the catalogue. The problem with using the title approach is that a number of books do not carry their subjects in their titles. Even if you truncate lie*, detect* you will only get one book. If you search under lie* detect* by subject, you will retrieve two titles, the second of which entitled *NATO Advanced Study Institute on Credibility Assessment*. If that number is still not enough, you may wish to check out the *Library of Congress List of Subject Headings* for related subject headings.

Stopping the cycle

Without question, the most horrifying result of a bad marriage is abuse, be it emotional, physical, or sexual. For centuries, women have endured this pain. Finally, after two world wars, the determination of courageous women, and governments being left with no other alternative, women were officially declared equal. It has taken a long time, however, for women to make those words mean something, but the battle is not yet one.

Fortunately, there is a recent development to take note of. A court ruling of 1990, recognizing the battered women syndrome as being sufficient defense in a murder trial, is now making it possible for five women to have their freedom back. Seven cases have been reviewed. Two women's pleas were rejected, and two women's sentences have been completely canceled.

For each of these women

endured years of suffering at the hands of the same men they slept with in the same bed every night. These women's lives are shattered. They felt all alone and very vulnerable, and it was for fear of losing her life that they murdered their abusive partner, stopping the cycle forever. It is clear that battered women syndrome is a justifiable defense in cases such as these.

The question that I raise is why did it take so long for these women to be released? They had served time in prison before the 1990 decision, and only now, almost another eight years later, is their freedom restored?

These women suffered enough before committing their crimes, which were clear cases of women having run out of options protecting themselves. After they realized that their cases would have had different outcomes if they had endured the abuse for a few more years, those extra eight years must have been all the more excruciating.

Could something have been done to expedite their releases? Why did the government and the courts wait eight long years?

Women have come a long way in their fight for equality, but there is still a long way to go. Presently, actions are still speaking louder than words, and women are continually waiting for the day when the equality of women is respected, not merely talked about. However, for these five women who are finally receiving the justice they deserve, late is better than never.

Hungry?

by Jane Djivré

Laurentian University is participating in World Food Day by hosting collection boxes at all reception desks and libraries throughout the university and federated colleges, organized by the Campus Ministry

(675 1151 ext. 1080). We are asking students and staff to donate non-perishable food items from **Wed, October 15 to Friday October 17, 1997**. All food collected will be distributed to Laurentian students on a need basis through the Resident's Office in the Single Student's Residence on Student Street. The phone number is 675-4814. If at any time throughout your journey at Laurentian you find yourself short of groceries, know that there are avenues to get you through these difficult periods. Never feel like you're alone without help, because there are always people willing to work with you, or lead you to someone who can. Feel free to call the Campus Ministry Drop-In Centre at ext. 1080 for more information on how to volunteer in this activity (room L228).

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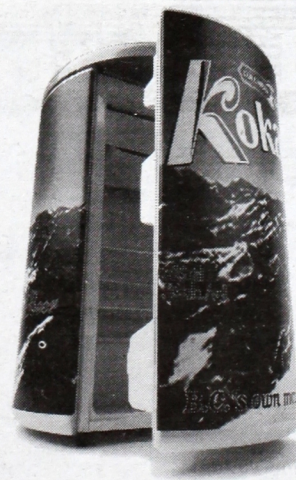


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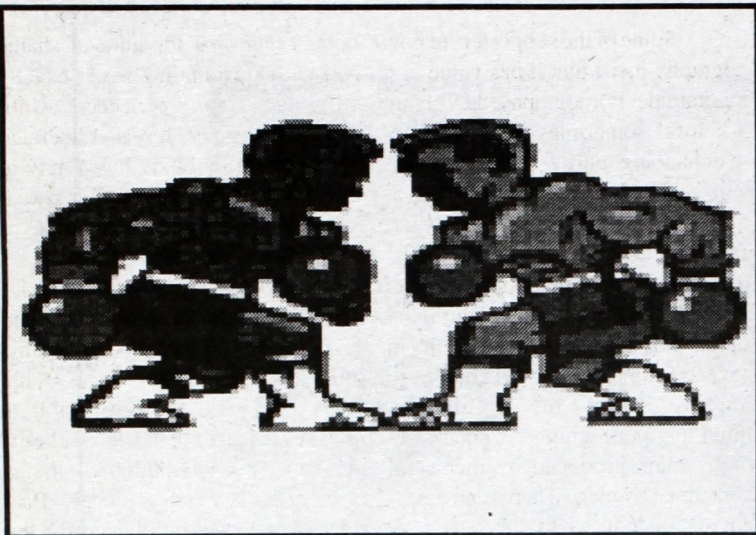
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Kokanee
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Get In The Ring



by Bryson McCarthy
Columnist

I noticed something really funny the other day. I had just made a purchase at the bookstore and the bottom of the receipt says, "You are supporting your university when you

shop with us." That's hilarious because I don't see the bookstore doing anything for the school with the excesses of money that they make off the students.

Last year I remember something that said that the bookstore does not jack up the prices of its books in order to make a profit. Excuse me? There has to be some major profit

coming out of that store. I actually was able to get every book I need but two outside of the bookstore. I had to shell out \$82.00 for a novel and a textbook when I was able to get 7 novels, 14 plays, and four other textbooks for a total less than \$100. The text I bought in the bookstore is the smallest text and is for one semester only, but it cost me more than all my English books put together. And speaking of novels, one of the second year novels I had to purchase would have cost me \$18.99 in the bookstore, but I found it for \$3.99 in Coles, and for \$1.25 in Bay's Used Books.

Students are coming to this school to learn and train for a future profession. Many of us, myself included, are on OSAP and holding down jobs to try to pay our way through. Education is getting expensive, but for some reason the tuition does not seem as bad when you add up all the receipts from the bookstore. The shit thing is that there is no where else to get your textbooks. Supply and demand. Sure, its the

cornerstone of business today, but is it worth it? Students have so much to purchase already, so why not make them pay upwards of \$500 for texts they only use for a few months?

Many of our parents are being laid off or downsized and we are forced to support ourselves through our university careers. There are many necessities in school life, and it would be nice if you could afford a few. And it would be *nicer* if you had the support of your own school's bookstore. I know it's not our own problem. Everywhere there are university bookstores making a killing off their students. There needs to be some kind of control over this. I have not seen a single thing in the bookstore that I can't get somewhere else cheaper. I'm glad that Bay's exists and that there are students willing to trade old texts for others or just cash. But even the used book trade in the school sucks due to the fact that every year a new edition comes out with ten extra pages of information that could easily be covered in a lecture.

If I actually had the money to do it, I would open my own store right near the campus called Bryson's Books. I'd get the textbooks that professors need and sell them for the cheapest price possible. It's too bad that someone hasn't done this to force the owner of the bookstore to lower the prices down to a reasonable level. Maybe he won't be able to afford such a nice home, or cars for his kids, but there would still be profit there. Just not the astronomical amounts that they have become accustomed to.

This little quote on the bottom of the receipt just makes me think, maybe the bookstore should do something that we as students notice. A donation to charity, a scholarship fund, anything that is noticeable. Right now it's nothing but a kick in the teeth, laughing as our bills pile up and our bank accounts shrink. If we are supporting our university to the point that you need to put it on the bottom of the receipt, step up and show us a little support too!

Notes from the file...

by Norman Shields
News Editor

Apparently I was the victim of a slick advertising campaign. I've received a note saying that the Gattaca ad mentioned here last week was a hoax (thanks Jane). Would someone check out www.gattaca.com, and let me know what you find?

Whatever the results, two other interesting "gene stories" were in the Canadian news last week. In the first instance, a genetic screening company was reported to have introduced its new screening process.. The company says it has developed screening tests for twenty-seven inheritable diseases. According to the Globe and Mail, the process will cost parents between \$6500 and \$9800 for each embryo. The second instance was the announcement by the Justice Department that a national "DNA bank" will be established to keep a genetic record of all violent offenders. Such a bank has drawn criticism from civil liberties experts who question whether such an invasion is truly necessary, and whether the system can deliver on its promises. Victims' rights advocates believe that such a "bank" would help speed the apprehension of repeat violent offenders.

A teacher's strike seems all but avoidable now that the provincial Tories have resumed their tough talk. Despite warnings from the provincial teacher's associations that such a move would be the harbinger of a massive teacher's strike, the provincial Tories were to open debate Monday on the controversial legislation that would restrict teachers' bargaining rights

and effect cuts to preparation time (Bill 160). This entire debacle has been typical Harris-style diplomacy since day one. Harris-style diplomacy is characterized first by the announcement of an absurdly unfair policy centered around deep cuts in spending; second by the compromise stage of policy-making whereby the provincial parliament recant their previous position and, having carefully examined the situation, declare the adoption of a compromise policy and usher it in with a slick advertising campaign which emphasizes the compromise; third by the inevitable "back to the offensive" stage of policy-making whereby the provincial parliament ridicules the still offended parties for being such self-interested louts as to reject said compromise. The fourth stage, sadly in this case as in others, is the adoption of said policy.

AIDS Week wraps up this weekend. Yesterday, some of you might have taken the time to attend "Talk Sex" with Sue Johanson in the Pub Downunder at 6:00 pm. This woman is truly timeless.

Some fifty brave doctors have agreed to inject themselves with an altered form of the HIV virus. They hope the exercise will lead to a cure or vaccine against the virus that leads to AIDS. Researchers believe that the altered virus will not lead to full-blown AIDS.

Another example of the deception in perception. The estimates of marchers who attended the North Bay march on Saturday ranged from 10,000 to 35,000. Guess who estimated what. Despite the disparity between estimates, the crowd was large enough to send yet another message to Mike Harris and the provincial Tories - this time from his own backyard.

Coincidence and Cooke House

by Dylan Callens
Contributor

Tell me if this has happened to you: a woman asks for a light, so you pull out your Bic and hand it over. Next thing you see is her left hand, shaking a syringe between two fingers. When this happened to me, my first reaction was "Oh God, she's on smack and she's going to bury the syringe into my cheek until I can taste the needle." I've also had my life threatened three times and have been attacked by a countless number of pigeons. What's not to love about downtown Sudbury?

Downtown is a complex series of coincidences like the two girls that happen to be almost everywhere I go. (Yeah, you know who you are.) After careful consideration I've decided that I am somehow sub-consciously following them around. I blame this on the frequent sulfur leaks. Tell me this stuff isn't making us all a little goofy.

Did anyone see Race when they were at the Townhouse? Everyone in the city was goofy that night.

I thought that it was just at the Townhouse, but then I walked outside and the lovable Hot-Dog Girl (I hope everyone knows the lovable Hot-Dog Girl because she can be an inspiration to us all) appeared to be more affected than anyone inside. It was the sulfur, don't let anyone convince you of anything else.

I know that for some of you, the intoxicating smell of rotten eggs may not have much appeal. If intoxication via alcohol isn't your bag either, then I have thought of another very important thing that downtown Sudbury has over any other area of the city: Cooke House.

I hope everyone is aware that you can get a two egg breakfast deal for \$3.07. Kathy, the hostess, is like my mother away from, except she'll cook me breakfast. There are, of course, other things to eat but I don't know what they taste like. Someone remind me to ask Kathy if there's opium in the home-fries, I can't get enough.

That's my advice to the frosh that have not yet explored the down-

town jungle. Go to Cooke House, get the breakfast, eat it, love it. You couldn't ask for either a better breakfast or a better hostess. If you don't believe me, ask those two girls that happen to be almost everywhere I go. (Yeah, you know who you are.)

Let's review. Downtown Sudbury has sulfur and Cooke House. Sulfur is a fact, Cooke House is a fact. If this isn't enough then I suggest going to the Townhouse, find someone, anyone, and challenge them to a watering contest. It doesn't matter who wins or loses, it's still a "Sudbury Saturday Night."

PS — I lost forty-five individual beads from a good-luck charm at the Townhouse about two weeks ago. If found please contact me. (Personally, I think Suzanne is holding them ransom.) Also, if anyone knows where the Nibblers girl went, please inform me. I hate having to actually order my food.

Next week: *Sitting on the corner of Durham and Cedar.*

Do you have an opinion?

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Pornography Debate Continues

by Sarah MacDonald
features editor

Pornography brings to mind images of naked women, sex, and oftentimes violence, whether implied or explicit. But where does art end and the obscenity of pornography begin? As Susan Cole writes, "Pornography is not just a picture, a two dimensional artifact or idea. It is a practice consisting of specific activi-

ties performed by real people." It is no secret that many women, and men too, are strongly against pornography due to its degrading representation of women. Others believe that freedom of speech cannot be impeded in any way for any reason. There is, of course, the other side that does not see anything wrong with pornography because it is the unrestricted expression of sexual liberation.

With such opposing views on the issue, it is easy to see how this debate has become one of the most controversial and heated ones of the past decade. It has also been with the evolution of the feminist movement that pornography has come under fire. This billion dollar industry is based on selling sex and sexual stimulation, mostly to men. Feminists have taken up this cause for the simple reason that in the majority of pornographic material, women are portrayed as mere sex objects whose sole purpose of living is to please men in whatever way they can.

The word pornography comes from the Greek word graphos, meaning depiction, and pornos, meaning female sexual slaves. As Cole states, the word has "never been used in reference to anything playful and loving but for

the active subordination of the most degraded female slaves." According to Canadian obscenity law, it is illegal to distribute materials that exploit sex, sex and violence, sex and cruelty, sex and horror, etc.... Sex is defined here by the presence of an erect penis, or penetration of any body orifices by penises or objects. What this means is that a naked woman in bondage, or any other violent setting is not obscene because there is no "sex" present, because there is no penis present.

Since under Canadian law there is nothing obscene about having women displayed in any position or any situation, it is easy to see how women can find this extremely offensive. Considering that women are most commonly being forced into situations of violence and submission, this is an unrealistic portrayal of women's role in the sex act and in society in general. Images depicted in pornography show the ideal woman as an object that is sexually insatiable and who is only there to serve the needs of men.

The most common image of women in pornography is a large breasted woman who poses and submits as the man/men want her to, most often in a rape scenario. This serves to form a false ideal for men who are led to believe that this is what should turn them on. There is another false ideal created for women in that the example is set that being objectified and subjugated is something that is normal and desirable. Pornography establishes false expectations and norms that oppress women and condone violence against women

Some of the supporters of pornography insist that it has value as a marital aide. Pornography, they claim, is helpful, sometimes even necessary in enhancing marital sex. The problem is that couples are learning to mimic what they see as sexually desirable in the pornography, thus perpetuating the subordination of women. There is certainly merit in legitimate sexual aids that encourage equality in sex, and can help married couples to improve their sex life. But bear in mind that pornography is conceived of by men, produced by men, and consumed by men. There is an inherent one-sidedness to the acts portrayed in pornography.

Up until now I have presented only the anti-pornography side of the issue, but let us not forget that there are other views. Even people who do not agree with what is represented by pornography feel that freedom of expression overrides anything else. If you don't like what pornography is or does, just don't buy it. It is as simple as not consuming the product that offends you. This is a somewhat more political view because it doesn't take into account the social affects of pornography or the harm being done to the women caught in the pornography industry.

A lot of the controversy surrounding pornography centres on the negative effects that has on real life encounters. What evils in everyday lives are the result of pornographic materials? Defenders of pornography argue that pornography is merely the scapegoat of a sexually embarrassed society for all socially unacceptable behaviour. These propo-

nents argue that the aura of shame and guilt surrounding sex is exactly why pornography is needed. Until sex becomes a healthy and liberated concept, pornography has a duty to allow people to express their sexual needs. Pornography is seen as a means to sexual liberation.

Taboos and social constrictions have a way of inhibiting people in such a way that they feel they must hide their fantasies and urges. This cannot be good for people. It is precisely because of the 'in the closet' atmosphere surrounding all things sexual that sex crimes occur. Pornography cannot be blamed for the side effects of a repressive society. Of course, this perspective does not take into account child pornography, snuff films, or other violent aspects of the pornography industry.

The issue of pornography is problematic because there are so many issues to consider, and they all seem to counter-balance one another. The obvious exploitation and misrepresentation of women is not only offensive but oppressive and violent as well. There is also the consideration of censorship. At what point does art become pornography? By whose standards? Would it be better to be able to make those decisions for yourself and allow the proliferation of obscene material to flood the market? What if there really are "therapeutic" uses for pornography that offer some socially redeeming value? It is certainly not easy to figure out your own position on the matter, but the complexity of it is no excuse for ambivalence.



Sex and the Media: A Love/Hate Relationship

By Danielle Perigoe
Contributor

How our society perceives sex (or fornication, lovemaking, the nasty...whatever you want to call it) is directly related to how it is currently presented in the media. (Note: By "media" I mean the many forms a message can take, for example, T.V.) Unless you're Amish or are from the far northern reaches of this vast country, you can hardly claim to be unaffected by the daily deluge of information from various sources about Safe Sex, A.I.D.S., and Rape/Date Rape, to name a few.

But this is a nineties media version of one of the oldest practices known to humankind. A generation ago, our parents were bombarded with completely different messages. "Free Love," and "Love, not War," were only a few of the slogans which were conveyed via a completely new medium, i.e., the T-shirt (particularly popular when worn atop a braless bod.)

A generation previous to that (our grandparents' age) any mention of the three-letter word beginning with "S" was considered sacrilegious. (Who really knows what they mean by "the birds and the bees"?!) This lack of information on the part of the practicing public could be related to prudishness on both the part of the media and their audience. However,

as we've seen in movies such as *Dangerous Liaisons* (I know, I know, the historical context in the film predates all of our grandparents by several hundred years) the sex life of people in historical times is not to be underrated.

So the role of the media in our bedroom has become more and more pervasive over the last half century. The content of the message portrayed has changed somewhat over the last decade or so, but their existence is not to be debated. The shift has been from simply portraying the message of "Sex," to moralizing with us about it. In other words, the media's role has changed from discussing factually the existence of sex (and its relation to crime, wealth, and rock-n-roll, to name a few) to telling us what we should or should not do in the sack. This shift can be seen in current catch-all slogans of our times such as "No Glove, No Love."

Now, whether this moralizing of sex is of positive or negative value is entirely debatable. But there is no question that it has happened. Similar to the case with drunk driving, the message (in this case "Friends Don't Let Friends Drink and Drive") has really pulled at our heart strings and forced us to change our behaviour in light of the bombardment of the message.

Arguably, it is difficult to examine this phenomenon in light of

general cause and effect. There is no doubt that public interest groups, beer and alcohol companies (in this case), and the like have played a significant role in the publication and popularization of the message. However, it is the media (in the form of T.V. commercials, print advertising, the internet, and radio) that carries the message and therefore assumes the most powerful role in the relationship of message to meaning.

So, you're probably wondering how all of this relates to SEX, aren't you? Basically the argument is that in the nineties, with all of messages that we get about sex and how to do it, and with whom, and for what reason, one needs ensure that one's choices are one's own. It sounds simple, but then again, so does the Act itself, right? But we all know it's not. And neither are any fancy slogans which try to help to make our decisions for us.

This is not to say that the message the media conveys is wrong, just that we need to think about what it represents for us, and the principles behind it. Then we need to decide whether or not we agree, as an individual, with what is being said. Because sex is an individual decision (despite the fact that it takes more than one person to follow through on.) Who wants to be simply a portrait of their generation's problems?



A Lesson in Sexuality

by Sarah MacDonald
features editor

The word 'sexuality' is a loaded one that can have many different meanings. As soon as it is spoken, there is an instant and tangible reaction among everyone involved in the conversation at hand. Why does this happen? For starters, there is the obvious reference to things sexual, as in the act itself. Sexuality as a concept refers to so much more than just sex that it can become the catalyst of great debate and conflict.

The scene is a bar or club, at night, filled with both men and women. There is an obvious sexual tension in the air. Some innocent, and some not-so-innocent flirtations are occurring in virtually every corner. The night will be chalked up to a good one if you manage to pick up, or even better, you get picked up. Almost every social interaction (and we're not talking about family reunions or coffee with your mother) can become sexually charged. Even a huge portion of advertising, media, movies, music, art, and literature is centered around sexuality.

Even the little decisions that we make every single day are coloured by our sexuality. What shirt/pants/skirt should I wear? We all want to look attractive to someone by showing a bit of our sexuality and hopefully appealing to theirs. The interesting thing to ask yourself is how did we get to know what is

have yet to reflect a sexuality that is not heterosexual.

The serious flaw in this practice is that not everyone is heterosexual. There is such a stigma surrounding the issue of sexuality, that anyone who may have questions, confusion's, or already knows that they

you want since it can't really be defined objectively) are not limited to any sexuality and are much more dependent on personality type than anything else.

One of the most common myths today is that your sexual orientation is a choice or could have been

your friend is, why is it any different with all of the non heterosexual people that you don't know? People will always be good guys or bad guys, but their sexuality is completely irrelevant in deciding that.

Sexuality is a touchy subject that can spark a number of emotional responses. The important thing to remember is that an open mind and an accepting attitude will allow for open and honest dialogue. It is okay to have questions about sexuality, no matter what those questions might be. It is not okay to ignore your

feelings in the hopes that they will eventually go away on their own. It is not okay to continue to be ignorant when there are plenty of opportunities to understand that everybody wants the same damn thing in the end and nothing else really matters.

Note: This article stems from a conversation that I had with three Laurentian students from the Association of Gays and Lesbians. I would sincerely like to thank them for taking the time to talk to me and I would love to have any feedback about the article. Thanks again.

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are different, has limited options and many unwarranted strikes against them. Simply because one has questions about sexuality, does not mean that anything is wrong or abnormal. At some point in our lives we all have questions. It might not be that you question who you are attracted to, but you may question how you feel about your own sexuality (i.e. what is sexual, are you sexually attractive, what do you find sexually attractive etc.).

It is difficult for heterosexual people to imagine the emotional, and occasionally physical toll on homosexual and bisexual people as they

prevented. Heterosexual people do not chose to be straight just as homosexual people do not chose to be gay or lesbian. When you are growing up, you don't really have a choice about who you are attracted to or not, as we can all remember. Another stereotype that breeds ignorance is that gay or lesbian people must be dealt with in the most politically correct manner. This, put bluntly, is bullshit. Unless you ask the questions that you really want to know (using a certain amount of taste and good judgment), how will you ever get over your ignorance and understand that you cannot logically judge someone based on their sexuality.

The personal experience of everyone is different when it comes to sexuality. Not every homosexual person has negative things to say about other people's ignorance or handling of the fact that someone they know is gay or lesbian. Stories of 'coming out' range from surprisingly positive, a relief to the person who is coming out, to tragically sad and anywhere in between. Consider what you would do if a really good friend suddenly confessed to you that they were not heterosexual. Would that change who they were or what you knew about them? Absolutely not. Chances are that, after the initial shock, you would be cool with everything and not much about your friendship would change. So if it means that little about what kind of person

try to cope with and understand what is going on, all the while in a heterosexist society. In the U.S. for example, 30% of youth suicides were linked to problems related to one's sexuality (Bisexuality: Some Questions Answered, Joe Woodhouse and Karina Roberts). Some of the everyday pressures on people who stray from the socially acceptable condition of heterosexuality include; employment problems, rejection by family, friends, and the community at large, insulted and belittled, the underlying threat of violence in any given situation, invisibility in all aspects of society, and the list could go on and on.

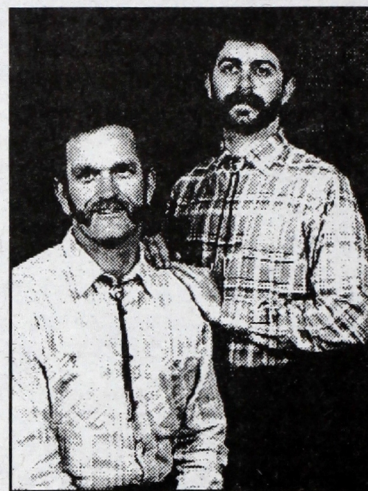
All of those pressures only refer to external pressures. There also exists a huge amount of emotional baggage that is associated with being gay, lesbian, or bisexual. Feelings of guilt, shame, sadness, anger at oneself and others, rejection, loneliness and isolation are even more apt to be felt in people who are questioning their sexuality than they are in the average tortured adolescent. Why should someone be subjected to such stress, and pressures for being attracted to people of the same sex. Sexual promiscuity and "perversions" (you can take that to mean whatever



Find Out More...

by Sarah MacDonald
features editor

If you have any questions or concerns, or you simply want to inform yourself, there are plenty of places that you can go to for help. Just asking questions does not mean that you are homosexual or bisexual, and if you are, then you might need



someone to talk to. Laurentian University does have a student counseling facility on-campus. They offer a safe and confidential environment for open discussion. If they can't help with your specific needs, they can certainly put you in touch with people who can. They can be reached through the main university line, 675-1151 at extension 6506.

The Laurentian Association of Gays and Lesbians also offer an opportunity to get more information. They are not some secret cult that will try and brainwash you into becoming one of 'them' but they will help to overcome any ignorance that you may have about homosexuality and what it means. This is a recognized student club that is designed specifically for students of Laurentian, you may have seen the trademark gay pride rainbow at the AGL table on clubs day. If you are a gay or lesbian student, you may find this to be a comfortable place to work out any issues that you are dealing with (and make some friends too!). They can be contacted through the counseling centre and again, confidentiality is assured.

Within the Sudbury community itself, there are also places to get to get more information on sexuality. You can contact the ACCESS-AIDS Committee of Sudbury at 688-0500, or if you are calling from outside Sudbury at 1-800-465-AIDS. They are located at 203-111 Elm Street in Sudbury. Do not hesitate to use this resource if you have any questions or want any information, that's what they're there for.

There is absolutely no excuse for ignorance. Inform yourself, even if you don't have a lot of questions about your own sexuality, it can never hurt to understand somebody else's point of view. Any one of these contacts can put you in touch with even more counseling facilities, support groups, or can give you literature and information to educate yourselves. While sexuality can be a tough topic to tackle, there are definitely people who can help, if you just take the initiative to look, and have the courage to admit that you need to know more.

Sexual Assault at Laurentian

by Sarah MacDonald
features editor

Whether you hear about it or not, sexual assault is a very real part of life, especially university life. Sexual assault can run the gambit from pressuring someone into doing something sexual that they are not comfortable with to full fledged physical abuse leading to what used

direct line to Laurentian security. If students look for the blue light and the yellow box, you find that inside the yellow box, is the emergency phone. These phones are located at all of the parking lots. VIP square, as well as at most of the buildings. It would be wise to verify these locations for yourself so that you know exactly where they are if you should

ever happen to need them.

The Walk Home service consists

of both

male and female student, who have undergone a security check, who will escort students to wherever they need to go on-campus. They operate between 6:30pm-2:00am and can be identified by their "Walk Home" jackets. The number for this service is 688-4681. Anytime that Walk Home is not available, security will be more than happy to escort you wherever you need to go on campus. Even if you are coming home from a bar at some ungodly hour and for whatever reason you have to walk up from the entrance, just go to the nearest emergency phone and security will come and pick you up. As Larry Denome says, "There is absolutely no reason why anyone should walk alone at night on campus."

There have been only two incidents of an attempted sexual assault by a stranger at Laurentian in recent years, and both occurred three

the matter legally, they do not force this action on the victim.

A point of interest to students would be that all of the Laurentian University security staff has undergone sensitivity training in order to better deal with complaints of sexual assault. Students should feel completely safe reporting any incidents that have occurred. At which point an investigation would be conducted by security, usually by Larry Denome. If the accused is on-campus, they will discretely be asked to leave the campus until the investigation is complete. This is not only for the protection of the victim, but also to protect the suspect from being physically harmed if people find out that they may have raped someone.

Once the investigation is complete, the matter is then turned over to the Director of Student Affairs, Denis Mayer. The decision of what course of disciplinary measures to be taken lies with him. By using the Student Code of Conduct as a guide, Mr. Mayer has the power to invoke any course of action that he sees fit. It is at this point that one realizes exactly how the Code can affect one's life, familiarize yourself with it. An appeal can be made to an appeal committee comprised of a staff member, student, and faculty member.

Rather than leaving your fate in the hands of one or a few people, save yourself the trouble and think twice about your actions. Don't put yourself in risky situations that can turn ugly. Try to control your drinking and keep it at a level where you still have good judgment and self control. Make sure that your intentions are always clear, as in, "Yes, I want to do this" or "No. I don't want to do this." And most importantly, if anything does happen, don't feel guilty or ashamed. It's not your fault. Report anything that happens as soon as you can, get some help, and protect everyone else by letting it be known that no one can get away with sexual assault.

"Report anything that happens as soon as you can"

years ago. One incident occurred as a female student was walking on the path from the Parker building to U. of S. at 11:00pm. The other incident occurred as a female student was stepping off of the elevator on the first floor of the Parker building. In both cases, the attempt failed and the women escaped uninjured. At the time of the attempts, Laurentian security put up posters warning of the incident, as well as released descriptions of the suspects. There was no effort made to cover up the attacks, rather a very public effort was made to catch them.

In the much more common cases of 'date rape' or 'acquaintance rape', it is at the discretion of the victim whether or not anything goes public, and whether or not the police are involved. The single most important thing is that the victim feels safe, comfortable and receives the help that he/she needs. While the Laurentian security staff does encourage students to go to the police and pursue

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to be known in legal circles as rape. University campuses all over seem especially prone to sexual assault for a variety of reasons.

Students of all ages, some away from home for the first time, are thrown into social settings that they may never have experienced before. All of a sudden, there are no parental figures to answer to, and the peer group that you are associating with become the most influential element in your life. The single most volatile aspect of the university atmosphere is over-indulgence of alcohol.

Very few offenders intend to commit sexual assault at the outset of an evening. But the combination of intoxication, peer pressure, and perhaps of miscommunication can lead to what is known as 'date rape'. Fortunately, the fact that offenders did not originally intend to commit the crime does not allow them to get off any lighter in the eyes of the law.

A lot of people do not really have a clear idea of what is defined by sexual assault, or the legalities of the whole topic. One very important thing to remember is that you do not have clear consent throughout the entire episode, you can be charged with sexual assault. For a more clear and in depth understanding of the legislation on sexual assault, check out Laurentian's Media centre for a video called "It's Criminal, You Know". The video was created by Laurentian's chief of security, Larry Denome.

Having been a Sudbury Regional Police officer for 22 years, five of which were in the sexual assault division, Mr. Denome was very helpful in providing information about sexual assault, preventative measures, and provisions, and policies on campus to deal with the issue. The video mentioned above has been shown to all on-campus frosh, frosh leaders, and Resident Assistants since its creation. There was also an effort to educate students during orientation week, with a version of Family Feud to quiz students on their knowledge of the subject. There has been a major push on campus to ensure the distribution of information about sexual assault. But that is not enough.

Protective measures can be taken and services offered to reduce the chances of being sexually assaulted. Scattered in 10 different locations throughout the campus, there are emergency phones with a

Pressure to Have Sex

by Derek Serafini

contributor

The other day, in the company of five other males at my workplace, a younger member of our group (who I believe is fifteen) started to tell us about his new girlfriend. Full of pride, optimism, and the wonderful naiveté that always accompany young love, he was quickly knocked off of his pedestal. Before he could tell us what she looked like, where they met, or even her name, he was interrupted by an older member of our group.

"So, did you do her yet?"

The kid smiled and his face turned the colour normally reserved for a cooked lobster. His eyes wandered and he quickly glanced at each of our faces, one at a time, in search of some salvation, some smile that matched his own. Not receiving that from any of us, his head turned back towards the man who asked the question.

"So?" The older male persisted.

The kid responded by laughing again. Visibly uncomfortable, his head pivoted back and forth looking for some escape. I guess that the gods were smiling on him that day as, out of the corner of his eye, he saw our boss walking towards us. He quickly warned us and the huddle broke, thus allowing him to escape without having to give us an answer.

In retrospect, I believe that only one answer would have satisfied the alpha male in our collective that day. I was sure that the kid sensed that so he hesitated. If he were to come back with a "no", he would undoubtedly have been overwhelmed by a barrage of questions - "why not?", "what are you, chicken?", and so on. When, in contrast, if he had said "yes", he would have been congratulated and welcomed into our group. And the saddest thing of all is that I know I would have stood there and watched him fry.

I guess that, over time, in the company of such males, I have grown desensitized, or at least, unshaken by such behavior. Although I have not learned to enjoy it, I've grown to accept it.

I have not spoken to the kid since the encounter and I am left wondering how he feels. Since the fact that he had a girlfriend (which was more than several of us could have said that day) was not enough for him to gain acceptance into our group, I wonder what he feels he has to do in order to gain that acceptance. Does he feel pressure that he is going to have to "do" her in order to become one of the guys, or is he strong enough to tell us that it is none of our business and risk losing the bond with us that he had worked so hard to establish. I'm not sure what he feels, but, to tell you the truth, I've known very few teenagers who didn't want acceptance and who wouldn't do almost anything to gain that.

I'm not sure whether there is a pressure for males to have sex so much as an expectation. Although an argument can be made that imposed expectations create pressure, I disagree. Aside from the biological pressure - the all-too abundant testosterone - there is no direct pressure for males to have sex. Whenever males talk about the subject, it is always assumed that all parties are well-versed on the subject. Whenever a male asks how your girlfriend is, there is always the smile and the eyebrow raise accompanying the question. There is never an outright "do it or else" attitude imposed on us. I guess that we are left to our own judgment and, in the case of some, imagination to choose to tell our counterparts of our escapades.

I hope that the younger male does not feel pressured to do anything that he does not want to do as a result of our actions. I know what his body is telling him and what others are telling him, but what he thinks and eventually does, lies squarely on his shoulders.

Pressure To Have Sex

by Sarah MacDonald
features editor

If you think back to your high school days, you might remember the pressure you felt to be sexually active. If you stop and think about it, some of that pressure might still be hanging around. It used to be that the coolest guy you knew was the one with the most sexual experience. The girl who had all of the answers to everybody else's sexual questions had an edge over all of the other girls. Why is it that the most sexually experienced had an aura of mystery, intrigue, and were so revered by others?

From the female perspective, the pressure to have sex, from both males and females, is a catch 22 situation. On the one hand it is considered cool. The sexually active girl is sort of looked at with awe from the other girls. On the other hand, she

can very easily be branded a slut. This is obviously a case of the right dirt in the right measure. It is precisely this sexual trap that follows women throughout their lives.

No matter what anyone says, everyone going through adolescence wants to fit in and be 'cool'. Every time someone loses their virginity, a huge deal is made and the girl becomes the centre of attention. Once one person starts having sex, the pressure for everyone else to follow suit increases exponentially. While it is a strange phenomenon, it happens in every school in North America.

I'm not saying that there is anything wrong with having sex. The problem is what reason is for having sex. No one should have intercourse with someone just because it's the trendy thing to do, and

everyone else is doing it. First you have sex for the wrong reasons, then you figure that sex isn't really that big of a deal. Once that happens, sex has lost any of the specialness that should go right along with it. When sex loses its meaning, people end up making bad judgment calls that they may end up regretting later on in life.

The decision to have sex, whether for the first time or the eight hundredth time, is a very personal and important decision. Just ask yourself this question before you do 'go all the way' with someone; "Would I want to have a child with this person?" If the question gives you shivers and makes you want to hurl, don't sleep with the person. This is just a rule of thumb that keeps things in perspective and results more often than not in just heavy petting and no potentially dangerous activity.

Sexually Transmitted Diseases

by Derek Serafini
contributor

Sexually transmitted diseases, or STDs, are among the most common infectious diseases in Canada today. Once called venereal diseases, these maladies are highly specific contaminants which, like any other disease, have the ability to wreck havoc with our bodies.

STDs can be divided into four different categories: viruses, bacteria, fungi, and parasites. Each group has its own peculiarities and varieties, but they all have things in common. All of them are living organisms and, as such, have the ability to multiply and to travel within the body. In order for these organisms to survive, they must remain within a host. It is this reason that helps to remedy paranoia by explaining that transmission of the disease through the air, from touching, or via the water supply, is extremely rare, if not altogether impossible. Transmission of STDs comes almost exclusively through sexual contact, through the exchange of bodily fluids, or through the sharing of needles.

STDs affect men and women of all backgrounds and economic levels. They are most prevalent among teenagers and young adults. Nearly two-thirds of all STD cases occur in

people under twenty-five years of age.

Many STDs have no initial symptoms, especially in women. Up to eighty percent of women show no initial symptoms. Often when symptoms do surface, they are confused with other, non-related, diseases not transferred during sexual contact. Even though symptoms may not be present, the risk of passing the disease onto another sexual partner is very high.

The best defense against contracting an STD is common sense. Choose partners wisely and trust those partners to tell you the truth about their history. In addition, take preventative measures, such as a condom, to reduce the risk of contracting a disease. When treated early, almost all STDs can be treated.

Common Sexually Transmitted Diseases

AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome)

This disease is caused by the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), a virus which destroys the body's natural ability to fight off infection. Once the body contracts any disease, it is not able to fight it off and the infected person dies of

another, non-related, disease. It is estimated that over a million people in the U.S. have the disease. Transmission is mainly through sexual contact and the sharing of needles. There is no proven cure as of yet.

Chlamydial Infection

These infections are the most common of all STDs. In both men and women, the symptoms include: and abnormal genital discharge and burning urination. If left untreated, this disease can cause infertility in both sexes, as well as ectopic pregnancy in women. It is treatable with antibiotics.

Genital Herpes

In the U.S. alone, there are over fifty-million people infected with this disease. It is caused by the same virus that causes cold sores - the Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV). Symptoms of this disease are characterized by painful blisters and open sores in the genital area accompanied by a tingling or burning sensation in the legs, genitals, or buttocks. Although the sores disappear in two to three weeks, the virus remains in the body and can surface at any time. It is treatable with prescription drugs which cure only the symptoms - not the virus.

Gonorrhea

Very prevalent a couple of years ago, this disease, this disease has subsided recently. It affects only certain parts of the body: urethra, cervix, rectum, throat and eyes. Initial symptoms appear two to ten days after infection and are similar to those of chlamydial infections. It is treatable with prescription antibiotics.

Syphilis

This disease has two stages. During the first stage, a small sore develops at the entry spot, but it heals after a couple of weeks. During the second stage, glands swell, fever persists, and a rash develops over most of the body. This disease is treatable with prescription antibiotics.



Birth Control

by Derek Serafini
contributor

Contraception is defined simply as the "prevention of the fertilization of the human ovum." More popularly known as birth control, there are several different methods of achieving the desired effect. Although few methods are a hundred percent effective, all are much more successful than taking no measures at all.

There are four main methods of contraception: barrier methods, oral contraceptives, IUDs (intrauterine devices), and spermicides. Each has its own success rate, but all are effective.

Barrier methods of contraception use devices that effectively create a barrier between the sperm and the egg. Devices such as diaphragms, cervical caps, sponges, and condoms fit under this heading. Both diaphragms and cervical caps must be fitted by a doctor. Each of these measures have a success rate of 10 per 100 woman years (10 pregnancies occur in 100 women over 1 year). Sponges and condoms can be purchased over the counter relatively cheaply. Success of the sponge is somewhere between 20 - 25 pregnancies per 100 woman years. Condom success rates are much better at 1 - 4 pregnancies per 100 couple years.

Oral contraceptives (the pill) work by interfering with the body's normal hormonal system, thus controlling ovulation and related reproductive functions. They work by replacing and suppressing the hormones that the body would normally produce. Since they must be administered on a regular basis, they throw off the body's normal cycle of hormone production because they sustain a level of chemical that tricks the brain into not producing the chemical naturally. There are three different types of pills: combination pills, triphasic pills, and mini pills. Both combination and triphasic pills are mixtures of estrogen and progestin and only differ in the cycle in which they are taken. Mini pills have only a low dosage of progestin and are designed to be taken everyday. When taken regularly, success of pills can be up to 99%.

IUDs, or intrauterine devices, are more effective in preventing pregnancy than any other method. As the name implies, a device is inserted into the uterus by a physician. The device, which differs greatly in appearance from one model to another, is impregnated with a steroid or synthetic chemical which is slowly released into the uterus, thus interfering with sperm function. Though relatively cheap, this method is not recommended for women who have not been pregnant at least once because it can increase menstrual flow and irritate the cervix of women who have never been pregnant.

Spermicides are among the oldest methods of birth control. They are usually highly acidic substances which block the cervical opening and work to neutralize the basic ejaculate. There are two types of spermicides: foams and suppositories. Foam is inserted into the vagina just prior having sex. Suppositories are inserted well before sex and melt inside the body as it heats up. Success of spermicides varies with the source. Some place it as low as 0.3 pregnancies per 100 woman years and others place it as high as 40.

Although no one method of birth control is entirely effective, all do provide superior protection to taking no measures at all. Different methods, used in conjunction with one another provide the best protection.

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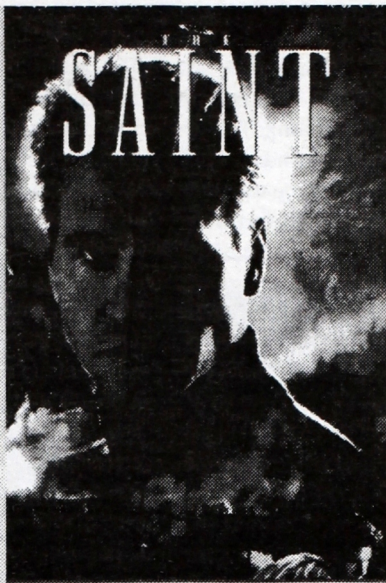
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New In Video Stores

by Mat Thompson
Entertainment Editor

The Saint (Val Kilmer, Elizabeth Shue) This theatrical version of the popular British Television series of the '60's is based loosely on the original character of Simon Templar. Kilmer stars as Templar, a man with no identity who is a master spy who can become anyone he wants, naming all his personalities after dead saints. Trying to reach his goal of \$50 million in the bank, Simon comes to the aid of a beautiful and brilliant scientist (Shue) who has discovered the formula for cold fusion. The Russian mob is after the two of them and wants the formula for themselves to take over Russia.

This is a great spy movie with a lot of action. Kilmer made a wise choice giving up the lead in Batman for this movie. He get to show his true talent in playing over twelve different characters that come from the mind of a genius. Elizabeth Shue's character seems to be the typical helpless character at first, but builds a strength that comes out in her attempts to survive. The only problem with this movie is the stupidity of Scotland Yard. They have been tracking the Saint for years and it takes seconds for Shue to figure out all his personalities are named after saints. The Scotland Yard officers just look dumbfounded, and still can't find him as it takes Shue only a day to catch up with him. Other than that, this is a great movie. Action, romance, and a few explosions. What more can you ask for?



McHale's Navy (Tom Arnold, Tim Curry) Another remake of a popular television show from the past. McHale's Navy stars Tom Arnold as Quinton McHale, a retired Naval commander who is forced to re-enter the Navy to take on his former nemesis (Curry). McHale is a con-man who can get anything anyone wants, and his crew of misfits make for a hilarious look at the Navy.

This movie is hilarious! Tom Arnold is funny as long as he is given the right material. And along with other under-rated comic actors like French Stewart (Third Rock), David Allan Grier (In Living Color), and Bruce Campbell (The God of cheesy movies!) this movie will crack you up from the beginning. There is even cameo appearances from Ernest Borgnine, the original McHale from television. This movie may not be for everyone, but if you are looking for just plain stupid humor, check this one out!

Volcano (Tommy Lee Jones, Anne Heche) It's like Dante's Peak with an actually cool story. The city of Los Angeles is doomed after a volcanic eruption in the Le Brea Tar Pits threatens to destroy the entire city. The lava flows above and below the city streets and it's up to Tommy Lee Jones, the city's Chief of Emergency Services, to save the city and everyone trapped within its boundaries.

This is a cool disaster flick! It does rely on the special effects as did other disaster movies (Twister, Dante's Peak, ID4), but there is a cool story, good acting, and characters you actually care about. I know, it's weird. A disaster movie with real characters in it. I will admit, Anne Heche is annoying, but Tommy Lee Jones and Gaby Hoffman give some pretty good performances. This movie is more like Backdraft than the disaster movies of the recent past. Volcano is hitting the video racks soon, don't miss it.

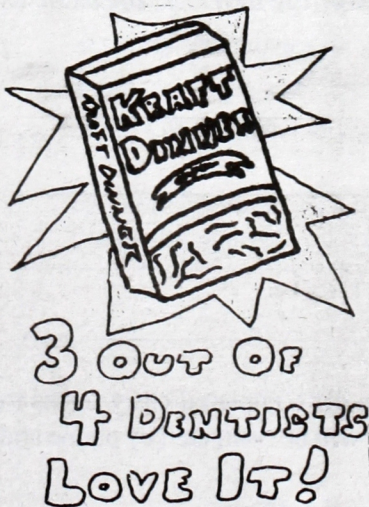


Inventing the Abbotts (Liv Tyler, Joaquin Phoenix) This movie didn't do well in theatres, but its an interesting little drama that is worth your time. The main story follows two brothers who are brought up by their widowed mother in the poorer end of town. The brothers have a different view of life, as one tries to invent himself, the other is interested in inventing stories about the rich family in town, the Abbotts. The Abbotts have three daughters with conflicting personalities, and all three become mixed up with the two brothers, sending havoc through the families. As Mr. Abbott tries to protect his daughters, the brothers try to find true love, or just one night with these girls from a higher class.

The movie has so many different stories between the five characters, but they all blend perfectly showing just how screwed up two families lives can be when one person puts his mind to messing with things. Liv Tyler plays her usual whiny character along with Joaquin Phoenix playing his predictable moron-like teen. It's scary that these performances are actually the best of the movie, but its the story, not the acting that makes this movie interesting. Not to take anything away from any of these actors, they are all talented, but they just have to get out of the same old roles. Other than that, this movie is quite interesting. Inventing the Abbotts is a sleeper that should build in popularity by word of mouth.

Top Ten Reasons To Go Home For Thanksgiving

10. To once again use two-ply toilet paper
9. To explain to everyone that you could not call them because you traded your phone card for free beer from the guy down the hall.
8. Sleep!!!
7. Mom loves to do your laundry and you have been wearing the same Levi's for a month now.
6. To steal more Kraft Dinner and Mr. Noodles from your family's cupboards.
5. Your roommate is staying in rez for the holiday weekend.
4. To make toast without a lighter and your old psych. notes.
3. The green and yellow pumpkin pie in the Great Hall just doesn't look right!
2. Beg for money for all those unknown expenses (Beer, Beer, And BEER!)
1. So you know that the hair in your food comes from someone who loves and cares about you!



My Two Cents' Worth Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!

by Jane Djivré
Contributor

Last weeks article was about scholarships and bursaries. Understandably, many students may find themselves ineligible for such awards due to low marks or the appearance of too much money from a summer job. Well, you're in luck, because there are other options available to you, and some of them are right under your nose! I'm talking about jobs.

Contrary to popular belief, there ARE jobs out there. The question is, are you willing to work? One of the first and best places in your job search is the Placement Centre, on the second floor of the Parker Building, down the hall from the Bookstore. A first easy step in the job search is to talk to Flo at the Placement Centre desk. Ask for a registration card, fill out some basic info, and submit the card with your resume. Easy as that. Your name will be kept on file for the year, and if employers ask for someone with your qualifications, your name will be submitted to them.

However, this can't substitute your own job hunting efforts. Another pool of part-time jobs comes from the Job Boards outside the Placement Centre. On the boards you will find tons of work study jobs. These are meant for students who show any financial need. Most jobs are on campus, have flexible hours to allow study time, and give you awesome experience that look great on a resume. If in doubt of your eligibility, just fill out a work study application. There were about 150 positions, and thus far 30 are taken. You do the math.

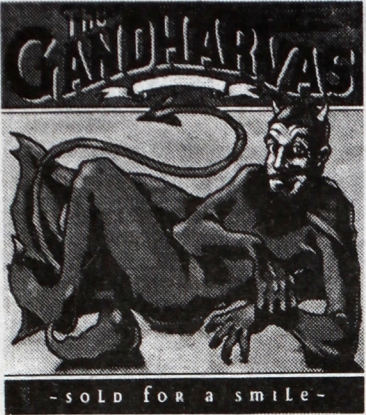
The manager of the Placement Centre estimates that there are about 500 job opportunities on campus throughout the year, including research assistantships, tutoring, temporary jobs with the SGA and AEF, and summer positions. Get your resume out to pros. Sometimes they have grant monies, and would rather hire someone they know or someone highly recommended, before they post the job on the Job Board.

If you are computer literate, there are several avenues for job hunting, two of which are the National Graduate Register (<http://ngr.schoolnet.ca>) and the Campus Worklink (<http://ngr.schoolnet.ca/worklink>). The former allows you to provide an on-line resume which will be matched up with employers seeking your skill. The latter is a job posting site, advertising FT, PT, summer and volunteer work. These positions are for post-secondary and graduate students. Just ask Flo for more information on how to access the information at these sites.

So, what happens if you apply for on- and off-campus jobs, and still nothing? If even McDonald's sees you to the door? Well, consider volunteer work. For example, the Placement Centre is looking for volunteers. Some of LU's departments and profs will be more likely to hire a volunteer who knows exactly what they're doing through previous work with them, instead of having to train someone. Additionally, you may be able to put some of this work towards a thesis in the future. If you don't want to volunteer on campus, there are schools, hospitals, and businesses of all types that love free labour. The Placement Centre has truckloads of info on Sudbury's various volunteer organizations. Not only do you feel you are benefiting your community, volunteering can also give you an edge on experience when it comes to preparing for a career. There's no better time to start. And that's my two cents' worth.

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The Gandharvas - Sold For A Smile

by Mat Thompson
Entertainment Editor

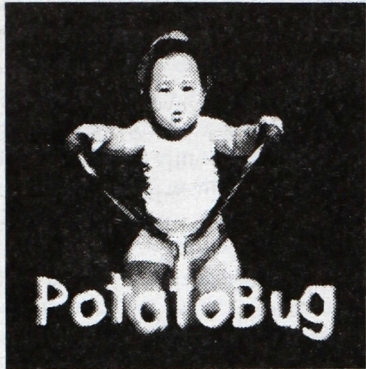
These guys are cool. Fucked up name, but they are cool anyway. I love just pulling any CD from the Lambda stack and actually enjoying what I am listening to. **The Gandharvas'** album *Sold For A Smile* is a strange looking CD, but it's extremely enjoyable.

Right from the first song, they seem like a nineties version of bands like **Aerosmith** and **Van Halen** with the 90's alternative twist. These guys have talent to spare! I lost the band bio for this and a few other bands when I cleaned my room so I don't know where in Canada they are from, but everything from the recordings, manufacturing and distributing is done in Ontario, so I guess they are fellow Canadians (and if I'm wrong, don't write nasty shit to the paper, just calm down!)

The CD pretty short with ten tracks that only last just over 30 minutes in total play time. The first and best song on the album is *Downtime*, a great rock song which showcases the immense talent of this band. Other great tracks include *Gonna Be So Loose*, *Waiting For Something To Happen*, *Hammer In The Shell*, and *Into The Mainstream*. The sound changes from softer, mellow alterna-rock songs into the all out rock that bands seem to be afraid of playing these days. Well, **The Gandharvas** can play it and all aspects of the band are equally as powerful as the next. **Tim McDonald** and **Beau Cook** (drums and bass respectively) keep the beat rocking while **Brian Ward** and **Jud Ruhl** wail on their guitars as if they were born playing this music.

And lets not forget the vocals of **Paul Jago**. His voice cuts trough and bends with the music at the same time with the power and talent of singers like **Eddie Veder** and **Scott Weiland**.

This would have to be my pick of the week for best CD. Check it out, **The Gandharvas** *Sold For a Smile*, its out there, check it out!



Potatobug

by Mat Thompson
Entertainment Editor

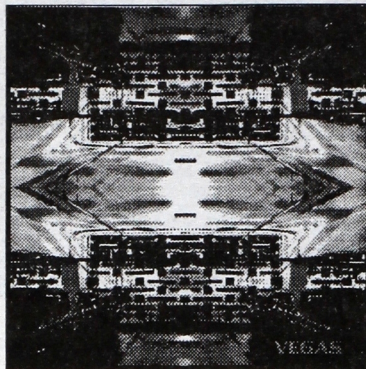
Major contenders on the Newfoundland music scene since, 1993, the three man alternative rock band **Potatobug** has released their first self-titled album. For anyone who saw the 1996 *East Coast Music Awards*, you will remember **Potatobug's** live showcase. These guys rock.

Not following in the footsteps of other Newfoundlanders like **Great Big Sea**, **Potatobug** has carved their own little grove into the Canadian music world. Just listening to their song you wonder where they get all their energy. Drummer **Brian Downton** seems to have the speed of Superman on the drums playing with the skill and precision of two drummers. Just listening to the album would make you think this was a band that had been together for a very long time. Well they have been together for at least 4 years, but when you look at the pictures in the CD booklet, these guys don't look like they have even made it all the way through highschool yet.

The thirteen tracks include *The Room*, *Questions*, and *Eat My Potato*, but the stand out songs include *Goldilox*, *Taste It*, and *Bicycle Boy*. There are no bad songs on the album, once again proving that Canadian bands can rock as well or better than a lot of the bands coming out of major American cities. It amazes me that bands like this are not more popular than bigger acts that are no where

near as good (i.e. **The Tragically Hip** and **Our Lady Peace**). The public just latches onto certain bands and bands like this have to prove themselves just that much more to get the respect and fan following as other big bands.

If you get a chance, check out **Potatobug**. These guys have what so many bands are missing! And check out for the way to win this CD in this weeks **Entertainment Trivia**.



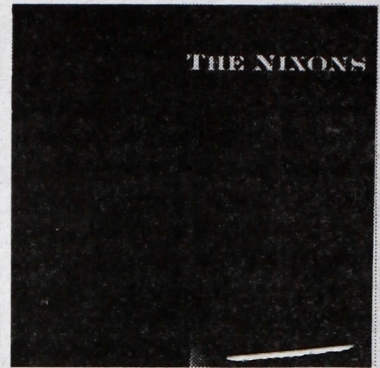
The Crystal Method - Vegas

by Mat Thompson
Entertainment Editor

It's Techno, it's dance, it's **The Crystal Method**. After hearing the version of *Trip Like I Do* on the **Spawn Soundtrack** I was interested in listening to this album. It's just to bad that the **Spawn** version of the song (with **Filter**) is far superior to anything on this album. This is just a CD full of bar music, the type you hear every time you set foot into *Ralph's* or *Backstreets*. Its not bad if you enjoy this music, but it just doesn't have the same effect as it does when you are pissed out of your tree, chasing after that person who you just have to meet as long as your feet can still function after that tenth shot of Tequila.

The CD features ten track, but they just run one into the next as if there is just one big hour long song. The truth is is that this is not the type of CD you just sit down and listen to. You have to dance to it and most people don't dance around their rooms by themselves. This CD needs a bar to be truly enjoyable. If I ever throw a party this would be a good CD to throw into the changer, but on its own, it lacks appeal. If this is your thing, then check out **The Crystal Method's** *Vegas*, but if not, just wait until the next poor-boys night and

you'll be sure to hear a few tracks from this album.



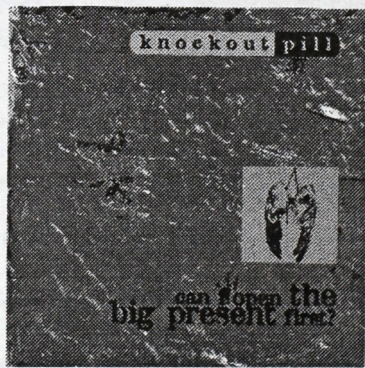
The Nixons

by Mat Thompson
Entertainment Editor

Holy Shit! This band is amazing! They rock with the intensity of **Van Halen**, the lead singer has as powerful a voice as **Soundgarden's** **Chris Cornell**, and they can belt out ballads better than **Journey**. Oklahoma City's own **The Nixons** are just astounding.

The album contains 12 tracks that make you just wish there were more. This is the bands sophomore album and I don't know how they could be any better. *Miss USA*, *Baton Rouge*, and *Butterfly* just rock you from the get go, while *The Fall* and *At The Sun* are show stopping power ballads. One of the highlights of the album is the track *Leave* which is punctuated by an amazingly impressive acappella bridge. This whole album rocks! *December* will make you sit up and listen while *Shine* grooves on for over seven minutes as the final track of the album.

The name and the CD looked at first to me as if they were some new country band, but there is no country music here! **The Nixons'** first album was titled *Foma*, but according to the band bio, the band has re-invented themselves for this album, but there is no re-inventing talent. These guys are great and no matter what the do, they will always be great! Check it out, **The Nixons** self-titled second album. You will not be disappointed.



Knockout Pill - Can I Open The Big Present First?

by Mat Thompson
Entertainment Editor

Usually I listen to the CD of the band I am reviewing while I write, but not this time. I can't write a review with torturous music playing in the background. **Knockout Pill** makes you wish someone had slipped you a knockout pill before listening to this album. The only way to describe this album is a mixture of **The Cranberries** and **CRAP!**

Just looking at the bands pictures you can tell they are losers and their music proves it. The album is an all out assault on you ear drums that makes pets run for cover and family and friends will stay away for good. Air raid sirens at three in the morning are more pleasant to listen to than this group. With four members, they switch vocalists all the time, and no one has a stand out talent, that could make this even a little bit enjoyable.

All I can say is the CD name is too long, the album is too long, and just don't get this CD. It's a waste of time and money.



The Ids - Psycho Babylon

by Mat Thompson
Entertainment Editor

Mommy, when I grow up can I be **Nirvana**? That must have been what this band asked their mothers a few years ago before creating any of these songs. Hello! I think we have enough **Nirvana** wanna-be's out there that we don't need another.

The Ids come from Vancouver and must have only listened to **Nirvana** and **The Doors** when making this album. They aren't that bad, but there is nothing new here at all. It's the same old stuff that you hear everyday coming from radios across the country.

The album contains 16 tracks (too many) covering the usual alternative topics like *Prozac Morning*, *Spiritual Debris*, and *Kids These Days*. These guys do have talent, but its wasted trying to be something that everyone else already is. Songs like *Blue Skies* and *Pimps In It* just scream **Cobain**. The only thing I find cool about this album is the title, *Psycho Babylon*. In the band bio, the group explains it as "Babylon symbolically represents the first society ever built: the first structure, the first crime, the first prostitution. **Psycho Babylon** ideally represents the society that we build inside our heads." I like that! It's just to bad they could not take that use that imagination to create their own image and style that would stand out above the thousands of other bands trying to hit it big out there today.

The Ids have a long way to go before I give them a great review. If they could just drop the old **Nirvana** sound, they would have potential to make a name for themselves.

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Entertainment Trivia #4

By correctly answering the following question, you can win a copy of the new CD's by **Potatobug** and **The Ids** (which comes with a few extra little treats!)

Question: Name any James Bond movie in which the title of the movie is the same as the name of the villian.

Answer: _____

Name: _____

Student Number: _____

Phone Number: _____

All entries must be received by Tuesday, October 14. Drop off completed entry forms to Lambda office above the Student Centre at SCE 301. Winner will be contacted by phone and printed in next issue.

Last weeks winner: Monicka Felix who answered *With or Without You*.

YOUR LAMBDA HOROSCOPE

BY AURORA B. ALLIES
CONTRIBUTOR

HERE IS YOUR OWN LAMBDA HOROSCOPE FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER:

Aries (March 21-April 19):

As one of the air symbols, there seems to be a little too much air between your ears. You haven't been to classes since the first week and the pub is becoming your second home. The future looks good for you, just try not to look at it through beer goggles. If things look good when you are drunk, wait till you wake up beside it in the morning. Think things through, and oh by the way, the classroom building is that big brick place just beyond the Tim Hortons!

Taurus (April 20-May 20):

You meditate too much, and too much meditation can lead to the serious munchies! Things may not be going your way, but look at the colours! Whoa, the colours man! Surround yourself with positive energy, and remember, peanut butter and Kraft Dinner may sound good now, but it will wreak havoc through your system the next day.

Gemini (May 21-June 20):

You try so hard to get to know people you just end up scaring them away. Maybe it's all that make-up or cologne. Tone it down and let people try to impress you. Of course if that does not work, you can always find some action downtown for about \$50.

Cancer (June 21-July 22):

Those itches just won't go away! For some reason your underwear keeps walking away all by itself. Take advantage of others goodwill (i.e. free clinic). Don't feel depressed though, other signs have suffered at the hands of a crab once in a while. You are not alone.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):

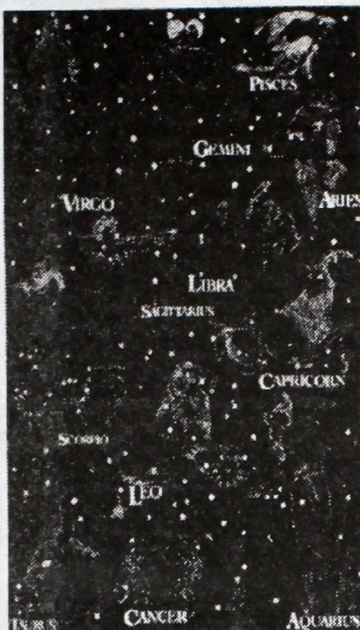
You are the best. You are the greatest. You need professional help. Your head is so high in the clouds you cannot see what is going on around you. Get together with a Cancer once in a while and that should bring you back down to our level.

Virgo (Aug 23-Sept 22):

You little tease! Every time you start something, you never go through with it. Maybe if you loosen up a little, life would be more pleasurable. Try something new this month and see what every one is raving about. Learn to bend (backwards, forwards, sideways) once in a while. If not for you, for your partner.

Libra (Sept 23-Oct 22):

Your birthday is around now. Whoopee Shit! Do you think the world revolves around you? Well, as long as people are buying you free drinks it does. Take advantage of others charity this month and remember the immortal words of Mike Meyers.... "Let's Get Pissed!"



Scorpio (Oct 23-Nov 21):

You know that you don't have to agree on everything to make a good team. But aren't you just the least bit curious about those toys? I mean, the people on the box look like they are having fun, don't they? Don't be afraid to try new things, just make sure your partner (or partners) let you add a little of your own spice to the get together.

Sagittarius (Nov 22-Dec 21):

I know you have been waiting for help to your little problems, but don't worry. It's not uncommon to handle it alone. Many people get pleasure fixing things on their own. So if no help arrives, just remember, lubricate to avoid chafing.

Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 19):

Keep your secrets to yourself. You know how those UC people are. Within minutes everyone will know your business, and do you really want that cutie down the hallway to know about you and those drunk miners in the cattle field?

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb 18):

You have one thing and one thing only on your mind. And if you intend to do something about it, don't go near a Virgo. Sagittarius is willing to pitch in though. Just don't be surprised if you get shot down. Not everyone is interested in extra curricular activities this week.

Pisces (Feb 19- March 20)

That fishy smell is following you everywhere. That will teach you to eat in the Great Hall on fish stick night. You may have found something out about someone else, but don't go spreading it around, remember that you are no saint yourself. And someone has the negatives to prove it!

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Dear Dharma

We at Lambda feel that there are many problems in the lives of the student. Dharma contacted us due to her overwhelming need to butt into other peoples lives. So after driving us nuts trying to solve our problems, we finally agreed to let her loose on the whole student population. If you have a problem and no one else can help, maybe you should just Ask Dharma.

Dear Dharma: I am a female student who enjoys the company of men. I have a problem though. Once everything gets serious, I can't help laughing at the faces they make during the act of sex. I start laughing so hard that they get offended and usually stop before I can truly enjoy myself. What should I do?

Giggles

Dear Giggles: I'm sure you have tried putting a pillow over you face, or doing it with the lights out, but that doesn't always work (trust me, I know!) Why don't you invest in a ski mask or one of those leather masks so you can't see their faces. That will work on two levels: for one, it will stop you from seeing their stupid sex faces, and two, you can pretend you are with someone you would actually enjoy being with. If not, just get a mirror and show them their own faces and make them feel self conscious every time they do it from that day on.

Dear Dharma: My boyfriend is obsessed with wrestling. He would rather watch Monday Night Raw than be with me in the raw. I'm scared that he is enjoying these almost naked men rolling around together a little too much. Do I have anything to worry about?

Heart Broke Kid

Dear H.B.K.: I'm sure you have watched wrestling with him at least a few times. Watch it a few more times and get some pointers about what goes on. One night, invite him over for some wrestling. Move your furniture to create a ring and put together an outrageous, but sexy wrestling outfit. Set everything up just like a real wrestling match so he will forget about wrestling on TV. When he enters, strip him down to his boxers, yell "Let's Get Ready To Rumble", and bodyslam him. After a few rounds of live wrestling I'm sure he will forget all about those sweaty men on the television. The only thing I would worry about is if he still thinks wrestling is real. Now there's a problem!

Dear Dharma: I am always turned on by the smell of food cooking in the kitchen. The only problem is whenever my girlfriend is cooking for us, I end up going into the kitchen and having sex with her. Our food is always over cooked, or cold by the time we are done. I feel this is a waste of food, but just the smell of food cooking and her in the kitchen drives me wild! What can I do so this does not happen every time we are hungry?

Hunger Pains

Dear Hunger Pains: Ever thought of eating out?

Dear Dharma: For some reason I have no motivation to go to class anymore. I am under probation and must obtain a certain average or else I will not be able to return next year. What can I do to make myself get up and go to class?

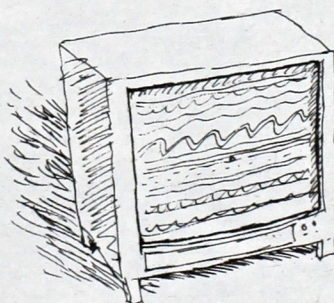
Skippy

Dear Skippy: There isn't much I can say to motivate you to go to class. Maybe if you sit down and write out a list about everything you would like to do in your life. Then write up a list of things you would like to own within the next ten years and figure out how much all this is going to cost you. Once you have figured that out, think hard about how easy it will be to afford these luxuries when your job consists of asking people if they would like fries with their chicken sandwich. Go to class you idiot!

If you have any questions for me, drop them off to Lambda in SCE 301 and I will try to answer them the best I can. Just please don't be too rude, the letters may get ignored or edited for content. I'll be waiting to hear from you.

Dharma

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G.I. George

by Mat Thompson
Entertainment Editor

Clooney, George Clooney. That's right, James Bond now has an American threat to his popularity and fame. This past weekend I went to go see **The Peacemaker**, the first movie to be released by the *Dreamworks SKG* production company. All I can say is WOW!

The movie stars *Clooney* as a Special Forces Military Officer assigned to be the military liaison to *Nicole Kidman* who headed up the American governments nuclear defense section. Actually, Nicole was just as useless as tits on a bull when it came to this movie. It would be like giving James Bond a mother to tell him what to do, and to nag at him whenever he shot someone. Her character was annoying, stupid and was of no interest to anyone watching the movie. Thank God for Clooney!

Clooney's character can basically be summed up as G.I. Joe and James Bond mixed up with an attitude problem. Basically, he is the perfect action hero. He is nothing special when it comes to muscle, he uses his head to get out of situations.

The story is your basic Russian's family gets killed so he vows revenge on the world and devises a plan to steal a nuke to blow up the United Nations. The hijack scene in which the bad guys transport ten nuclear warheads from on train to another at breakneck speed is cool. Most of the action takes place in the Ural mountains in Northern Russia (the most useless spot in the game of Risk). As the warheads are being transported to Iran, Clooney and Kidman use every bit of modern technology to track and capture the warheads. Everything is very realistic, and there are no exploding pens or laser beam watches specially made for Clooney. Everything is real, and nothing is overdone.

One nice surprise is that the movie is directed by female director *Mimi Leder*. I'm not being sexist in any way, but usually an action movie geared towards men is better suited s directed by a man who knows what guys like. Well not in this case. Mimi knows exactly what we want to see and she produces. The directing of this film is up there with other top action directors like *Michael Bay* (*The Rock*). The one thing that is kind of bad about this movie is it is not made to appeal to the female audience. The female lead is boring, The story is not very in depth, and the action is geared towards men. My girlfriend, who is a big Clooney fan, hated the movie because she said there was nothing for her to enjoy. I do agree. Even though I loved this movie, I can not recommend taking a girlfriend to it. This is a guy movie!

One funny thing to look for in the movie is the scene where the helicopter is lowering the nukes with Clooney on top. As they touch down, the nukes take a weird hop and you can see Clooney (or his stunt double) panic to get out of harms way. It's obvious, but it adds to the scene and seems like something that would happen to Clooney's character. Not much else to say except, get the guys together and go see **The Peacemaker**, it's worth the money. And it will probably get you in the mood to see the up coming **James Bond** movie **Tomorrow Never Dies!**



Livin' On The Edge

by Mat Thompson
Entertainment Editor

One of the best stories of the year. David Mamet's *The Edge* is a gripping story that keeps you on the edge of your seat, even when there is no action. *The Edge* is actually a genre of action flicks with more talking than action, but this movie needs this style so you can chose who's side you are actually on.

The story follows a womanizing photographer played by Alec Baldwin who seems to be in love with bookworm Anthony Hopkin's wife Elle MacPherson. When the two men go on a trip into the wilderness, their plane crashes and they are left to fend for themselves. Of course there is major conflict because Anthony thinks that Alec brought him out there to kill him and take his wife. The two must join forces to survive, but that, of course, does not last long.

Hopkin's character has a photographic memory and remembers everything that he reads. This helps out in the wilderness since he just happened to have read a bunch of books about survival, traps, snares, and anything else you can think of that might help them out. Of course, Alec is just a pure psycho who dreams up some of the coolest ways to survive and hunt. The movie turns out to be a battle between Balls and Brains. You are probably supposed to side with brains and feel sorry for him, but I sided with balls. Alec's character is so much more interesting and well done. Alec is one of those actors who are great at what they do, but when they get to play a psycho, that is when their true acting talent comes shining through.

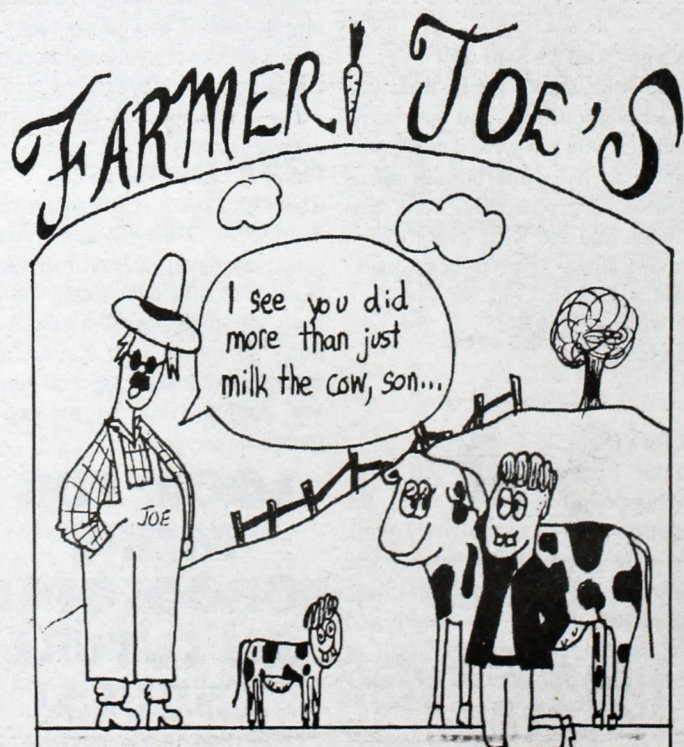
The direction is great, and the setting is fantastic. Wherever this was shot, it is beautiful. Of course I don't

want to be stranded there with some psycho who wants to kill me at the same time as I am trying to save myself from being eaten by a very hungry bear! *The Edge* seems to be showing us the future of action movies. Although shoot 'um up action flicks will rake in the dough for years to come, this more thought out, dramatically intense story is much more interesting. Screenwriters out there have to remember that the audience does have a brain and would like to actually use it sometimes instead of sitting there like Bevis and Butthead laughing at the blood and gore. Hopefully there are more movies like this coming out in the future. We need more movies that take us to the edge, not just ones that blow it up!



Still Lonely? Try These Pick-Up Lines.

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3. Your father must have been a baker because you have a great set of buns.
4. Is it hot in here or is it just you?
5. (Grab the person's ass) Is this seat taken?
6. Do you know what would look good on you? ME!
7. My face is leaving in ten minutes. Be on it!
8. My name is (insert name here) but you can call me lover.
9. You are beautiful and you will be with me tonight.
10. Want to go back to my place for a pizza and a fuck? What, you don't like pizza?
11. Fuck me if I'm wrong, but aren't you Elvis?
12. (To a woman) All those curves and me with no brakes!
13. If I told you that you had a beautiful body, would you hold it against me?
14. Can I have directions? (person asks "Where?") To your heart.
15. (Man to Woman) How about you sit on my lap and we'll talk about anything that pops up?
16. (When a woman has her hand on your leg) You just think that's my leg!
17. The word of the day is LEGS. Lets go home and spread the word.
18. Let's go back to my place and do what I'll tell my friends we did anyway.
19. Will you be my love buffet. I'll spread you out on a table and take everything I want.
20. Nice shoes! Wanna Fuck?
21. Oh, come on. I know I was good last time! (This is only used by the truly desperate, so beware!)
22. Are your feet tired? (Why?) Because you have been running through my mind all night.
23. If I were a you, I'd fuck me!
24. I write for Lambda. Lets go home and make some news!
25. What winks and fucks like a tiger? (When the other person says "What?" Wink at them and give a little growl!)
26. You look about as desperate as me. Lets kill that image and sleep together.
27. Come sleep with me. I've been practicing for this for years!



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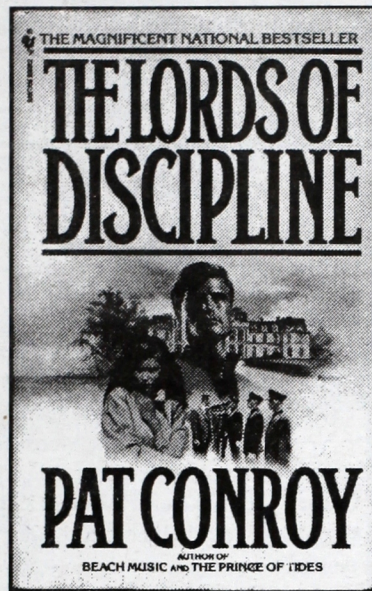
by Mat Thompson
Entertainment Editor

I love to read and to me there is nothing better than a good book. Well that is except a good author who writes many good books. Within the last few years I have become interested in different authors and their collections of works. One of my favorites has to be **Pat Conroy**. The novels this man has produced are so powerful and spellbinding that you just have to read more. Last Christmas I bought the set of Conroy novels for my girlfriends father and he just loved them all.

Conroy's novels are written about real characters in his own life-time. All the stories are based around actual circumstances in the life of Conroy, his family and friends. I think this is what makes them that much more enjoyable. Here is a brief run down of the novels I have enjoyed and I hope it convinces you to check out a few on your own.

The Great Santini. Bull Meecham, a.k.a. *The Great Santini*, is a fighter pilot, king of the clouds and absolute ruler of his family, but he is also an ass-hole, abuser, and wash-out in the eyes of his children. The story follows the life of Ben, Bull's son, as the family is moved onto yet another military base in a new town. Ben is a born athlete, but he never seems to satisfy his overbearing father. Ben has reached the age where he is ready to fight back, but he is in for the fight of his life. Bull does not back down in battle or in life, so there is no way he will back down to any member of his family. Bull is actually modeled

after Conroy's own father and he becomes such a despicable man that you have to hate him, but for some reason, you fall in love with this man, and wish you new more and more about him. This was my first adventure into the writings of Conroy and I was hooked! For anyone who has had a troubled relationship with their own father, read this, your life ain't so bad after all!



Beach Music. The latest and one of the greatest of Conroy's collection. This novel is a more adult story (get you mind out of the gutter!!!) with very deep storylines and meanings. The story is based around a man who is forced to return to the United States with the daughter he is raising on his own when his mother falls sick. Upon returning he must come face to face with the suicide of his wife, the break

up of his family, the past problems with old highschool friends that have never been solved, and an array of brothers that have all gone in different directions. The novel transports the reader back through the Vietnam war, the Holocaust, and many of the other character's own past tragedies to try and bring a resolution to the years of pain he has endured. This is an amazing novel that will tear at every inch of you being. Get ready for an emotional roller coaster ride that you will never forget. You will laugh, cry, and even put the book down because you can't take it anymore, but it's worth it all in the end. If you want a great novel, get *Beach Music*!

The Lords of Discipline. Although I raved about the other novels to no end, this is my favorite novel of all Conroy's works, and probably one of my favorites of all time. The story centres around a marine cadet who is an outcast in the corps, but is chosen to help the first African-American cadet survive his stay. The only problem is the corps have their own way of dealing with the unwanted cadet through a secret society known as "The Ten". The story takes you through the hazing of new recruits (which is very brutal), the friendships born out of the madness, and the double crossings that can only take place in the military. As the cadets struggle to find the identity of The Ten, secrets become knowledge, and lives within the military school are changed forever. Guys, even if you don't like to read novels, check this one out. You will love it. I have

loaned it to all my friends and every one of them have loved it! It's a very dramatic book, but it's done in a way that you will not be bored with the story.

Other novels written by Pat Conroy include the very dramatic *The Prince Of Tides*, *The Water Is Wide*, and *The Boo*. I have read all these novels and recommend every one of them. These novels are bound to become classics. Most have had movies made from them, but none even come close to the impact the novels will have on you. If you are looking for a great author with a firm grasp on immaculate story telling, **Pat Conroy** is for you!

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The Cult Of Sticks and Ice

by Jason Stevenson

Sports Editor

I know what your thinking this is the sports section. But hockey in this city and maybe in all of Canada seems to be some sort of fanatical religious group.

Parents will sooner drive their kids to a 5:00am practice for five days a week then get up on Sunday morning to take them to church. But in a country where it is winter for five months of the year maybe its only natural that a winter sport dominate our culture.

Yes I know we invented hockey and yes I know we're really good at it. But what do you think is going to happen to our status on the world hockey scene once the expansion of the NHL into the southern United States causes the sport to proliferate down to the young fans there. For example the city of Phoenix, Arizona recently required a professional hockey team. The Coyotes. In the city of Phoenix there are roughly 2 million people, and there are two hockey rinks. One of those the Coyotes play in. Now imagine once that base of untapped talent begins to develop, what will happen. I'll tell you what going to happen, we are going to see a marked decline in the number of Canadian players in the NHL, that will be directly proportional to the increase of talent coming out of the southern United States. I'm not saying here that we should give up hockey now while we still can but why not open our horizons to other sports. We won't be struck down by the hockey god.

There are many other sports that we as Canadians are really successful at, but for the most part society is basically clueless about.

For instance if I walked down the street and asked the average Joe to name a Sudbury native in the NHL. I would hear names like; Todd Bertuzzi, Troy Crowder, Drew Bannister and of course Brian Savage. But if I asked the same average Joe to name some Sudbury natives in the CFL, he wouldn't have a clue. He wouldn't know that just recently local boy Franco Rocca was selected in the third round of the CFL draft and is playing for the Winnipeg Bluebombers. He wouldn't know that local boy Blaine Schmidt plays for the Hamilton TigerCats. He wouldn't know that over the last of couple of years local talents like; Mike Derks and Kari Yli-Renko dominated CFL lines of scrimmage. But that some average Joe would probably know half of the players on the Wolves. It is sad considering every year a fresh crop of Sudbury boys leave to play football in the CIAU and no one ever knows, no one ever cares.

I know what every hockey player is going to say: that the NHL and the CFL are two different things and that I should use the NFL as a comparison. Well we don't have any NFL teams in Canada, but we do have NHL teams. So therefore I am using the CFL.

Hockey's dominance is so great that it seems to eclipse everything else. Its almost sad that we as a society are missing out on the success of our neighbors in all other sports. Even with two nationally ranked basketball teams at this University people are relatively oblivious to the fact that basketball even exists in Sudbury, except for a small group of fans. We even have a local boy, who was ranked by the Toronto Star as one of the top twenty-five players in Ontario. But have you ever heard of him? But every time one of the Wolves so much as makes a noise its on the news.

So why does hockey eclipse everything in Northern Ontario. I think its because hockey players never die. If you play football or basketball for instance if you don't make it to the next level your done, its over. Whereas in hockey, there is always some where to play. There is always some league to play in, some place to keep the dream alive, some place to appease the hockey god. So these hockey players who never really go anywhere can still play as long as they have the desire to do so. They can't for the most part deal with the fact that its over. All these leagues seem to perpetuate dreams that will never come true. I know some may play for the fun of it, but lets be honest most of these guys are chasing a pipe dream.

I wish I didn't have to point these things out, I wish we gave more attention to other sports in our society. But as long as hockey looms like a cloud over everything, every other sport will have to wait. How long, I dare not say!!!

Blue and Gold Game

by Jason Stevenson

Sports Editor

On September 25th the Men's Varsity Basketball team had their inter squad game. The two teams where suppose to be evenly matched but to anyone watching it didn't seem that way.

From the opening tip off the Blue team took control and held on to it throughout the whole game. Wining the affair 75-43.

The Blue team was lead by two time All-Canadian Corey Bailey, third year vet Roan Briggs and Kevin "Flash" Gordon. With an impressive showing by local talent Guy Audet.

Bailey was a presence on both ends of the court. He displayed great hustle on defense while pouring in 10 points.

Briggs piled up 12 points while showing flashes of talent. At times Briggs was a force on the court and then sometimes you almost forgot he was out there.

Young Audet, the rookie from Valley East drained an impressive four three pointers and scored a total of 14 points to lead the Blue team.

Flash captained the Blue offense successfully at point guard wile scoring 12 points.

the Gold team was lead by fifth year veteran Adam Dusome who worked hard for all twelve of his points. As well as big B.J Henderson, who was always a physical presence on the court but could only manage 6. Once Henderson hits his stride he should be a great inside threat for the Vees.

The most impressive thing in gold was rookie Cliff Edwards. Edwards, along with scoring 8 points showed great potential on both ends of the court. Young Edwards is probably the Vees top recruit. He was a member of his Oakridge Highschool's second place OFSA team, as well as a silver medals at the Canada Games for Ontario.

Another name that needs mentioning is rookie Parrick. Brandt. Although Brandt only scored 2 points he showed great athletic ability up and down the floor. Even though you could see the tension in everything he did.

However the Gold team failed to score consistently and at times Dusome and Henderson were visibly frustrated, as certain members of their squad seamed lost.

For the most part though the rookies showed flashes of potential. Hopefully coach Campbell is weighing his decision on the performance of the players throughout the tryouts because for some rookies nerves seemed to be an obstacle they couldn't over come. But who can blame them with the gleaming eyes of coach Campbell fixed upon them.

Missing from the action was 6'10 Ted Danglesom who sat out the game with an ailing foot. The Vees big man was integral to the offense last year and has been "dominating scrimmage" so far. according to Campbell.. Who plans to center more of the offense around the big man this year.

Another player sitting out the game and maybe most of the season is Mike Galls who suffered a partial tear of the ACL ligament in his left knee.

All in all it was a good show by the Vees. With four returning starters and a new crop of talent lead by Edwards the Vees should have a quality first string and depth to go along with it.

Come out on October 18th and watch your 1997-98 Vees play in the Alumni Game.

Spadman Talks

by Honsig Leung

Contributor

Hi and welcome to a new year at Spad. My name is Honsig Leung and I will be your eyes and ears of Spad this year for Lambda. I am also the vice-president on the Spad Council. Here is the list of the executive council for 1997/98:

President: Ryan Gill V-P: Honsig Leung
Social Convenor: Mike Granove Treasurer: Ryan Belec
Secretary: Erin Hamilton Chairperson: Cynthia Vincze

Spad will be organizing events throughout the year and we hope all students will participate in all of them. Last Friday, September 26th, the students of Spad as well as others went on the 2nd annual Scum Crawl. The packed bus enjoyed lots of fun as we traveled around Sudbury to it's finest establishments in alcohol. A great time was had by all. We would like to thank the 3 bars for putting up with us and a special thanks to Neon Cowboy whose performance was like no other.

Read SPADMAN in your local Lambda.

Cross Country

By John Thompson

contributor

The Cross Country team traveled to Montreal to compete in the McGill Open. Both teams completed well against a field of 100 competitors. Jenn Dewam was a top ten finisher in 9th while Lynne Perron (35th), Jenn Burns(48th), Eding Muilongo(55th) and Darra Taylor(61st) rounded out the team and helped the Lady Vees finish 7th.

Brian English of the Mens team also had a top ten finish (8th) but was an outstanding 3rd out of the Ontario University competitors. Irah Gerona (16th), Greg Huffman(27th), John Thompson(28th), and Dan Cybulski(32nd) helped Laurentian finish fourth behind two nationally ranked

teams in Canada and the Division 2 NCAA champions for the past three years. The Voyageurs next race is right here on campus Saturday October 4th at 1:00pm. Where we take on Lake superior State and hope to gain revenge from their race three weeks. So come on out to the Track & Field stadium Saturday and watch the Voyageurs take on Lake State, Nippising and Cambrian College.

Academic all Canadian

Laurentian University's athletic department is proud to announce their 1996-97 academic all- Canadian athletes.

David Clarke: Clarke is a second year student enrolled in the school of human Kinetics in the kinesiology department. During his first year at Laurentian, he maintained a 92.5% average. Clarke is a native of Ottawa Ontario where he first started his swimming career.

Nancy Cote: Cote is a second year student enrolled in the school of Human Kinetics in the Education Department. During her first year at Laurentian, Cote maintained a 82.4% average. Cote is a native of Chelmsford Ontario where she first began her Cross Country Running career.

Jennifer Burns: Burns is a second year student enrolled in the Department of Sciences studying in the field of Biochemistry. During her first year at Laurentian, Burns maintained a 94.6% average. Burns is a native of Mindemoya Ontario where she got her start in Cross-Country running.

Lynne Perron: Perron is a third year student in the School of Social Sciences where she studies Geography. During her second year at Laurentian, Perron maintained an 82% average. Perron is a native of Astorville Ontario where her Cross Country running career began.

Ciara Lynch: Lynch is a third year student enrolled in Liberal Sciences at Laurentian. During her second year, Lynch maintained a 91.7% average. Lynch is a native of Sturgeon Falls Ontario where she first began her Cross-Country running carrer.

Karin Trimble: Trimble is a second year student enrolled in the School of Human Kinetics studying in the Kinesiology Department. During her first year at Laurentian, Trimble maintained an 85.7% average. A native of South Porcupine Ontario, where Trimble first got her start in Cross-Country running.

Jason Wicke: Wicke is a sixth year student at Laurentian enrolled in the Master's Program studying child development studies. During his fifth year at Laurentian Wicke maintained an 83% average. A native of Sudbury Ontario, Wicke spent many of his younger years swimming with the University Club team.

Greg Judge: Judge is a fourth year student at Laurentian University enrolled in the Arts Program studying Social Sciences. During his third year at Laurentian, Judge maintained an 82.7% average. A native of Listowel Ontario, Judge made his roots in Track and Field.

Greg Duncan: Duncan is a second year student at Laurentian University where he is enrolled in the nursing program. During his first year at Laurentian, Duncan maintained an 81.8% average.

Vees Soccer weekend

by Alex McGregor

Emitte lucen et veritaten. Your Laurentian motto literally translates as "screw you kid, I've got tenure" was on your Vees heads and minds this weekend. Our assignment was awesome. Zero points and we're toast. Two points and we might survive. Three points minimum. Four or preferably six points and Greg (Napoleon) Zorbas might smile on his troops.

There we were at beautiful Birchmont Stadium to face the less than rambling Rams of Rye High. Your Vees were confident. These were the sheep we made into Souvlaki in Sudbury. No they were not. Despite having zero points the sheep came at us as if they had been injected by mad wooly disease. Mind you, several easy chances were missed. In the first five minutes- and the killer sheep were given wings. They flew at us. Our strikers were in North Bay. Our midfielders were premenstrual and our defense was nolo contendere. The wages of sin is death and the wages of no intensity is defeat. Sheep Tim (Baasisiil) Clarke form a badly defended corner hit a hard low shot past Chris (won't somebody please take my virginity) Rose. The

Vees were struggling but not being bees struck back.. Jeff (Portuguese man o war) Armande got a beautiful di-

made numerous changes, Your Vees got a life when Rosie (the goalie) deflected a hard shot over the bar. The ball hit the



agonal cross to Ricky (joint man of the match) James. Like a panther on the sheep hunt Ricky (Black Panther) slashed it home.

But still the Vees struggled. A tie—or even, shudder, a loss loomed. Coach (must you call me Napoleon) Zorbas is by far Canada's finest. He

football crossbar and came back into play. A rambling Ram hit it into the net. Quick as a flash assistant coach Carlo (the loquacious) Castrechino screamed "It went over the bar". It had. The linesman saw it. We were still even.

Off the bench arrived Richard (the dashing corsair)

Corsi. Dicky Bird slipped an immaculate pass to Ricky (the pride of Hamilton—Marc, not the city) James. Again Ricky smashed the sphere into the dented twine. The Rams sagged—and the Voyageurs jumped them. Again it was Marc (Susan loves me, married students tell me so) Hamilton to Mike (I made him an offer he couldn't refuse) Massimilano. St. Michael and all Voyageurs passed to Richard (old Borromean) Corsi. Ricardo made a diagonal pass to Adrian (why don't you mention me in the Lambda?) Bubalo. The onrushing Adrian (prize of Zagreb) headed it over the outstretched arms of the woollies goalie. Five minutes to go and the sheep were muton. Relief reigned on the Voyageurs bench. Ten thousand disconsolate Rye High fans filed slowly out of Birchmont. Four thousand hookers on Gould street lowered their knickers to half thigh in mourning. The grand old team was sung on Patrick (the driver's) bus. Ricky (Jesse's younger brother) was co-man of the match. The other man of the match was—you guessed it—Marc (I love you too Susan) Hamilton. The team unceremoniously awarded asshole of the game to unjustly reviled, and cruelly persecuted team manager, Alexander (not the great but still pretty dammed Good) McGregor.

Then we went to Scarberia to the home of Verna and Winston Hamilton. Mr and Mrs. Hamilton who put the capital H into hospitality. Thanks. Then on Sunday we were set to face the formidable Yeopersons of York. The Yeothingys are riding high. They naturally hadn't played on Saturday. They have a field larger than any in O.U competition. They were third in the nationals last year. In addition, they had their own referee.

Surprise. Your Vees outplayed them. Again our failure to finish cost us. The Yeothingys reverted to clutching, grabbing, and even spitting. Unfortunately when we reacted we got cards. Darth Vedar was in fine form. He handed out cards like a dealer at Niagara Falls. The cards all went to the Vees. Tragedy. A free kick to York. A breakdown in the wall. The ball was in the back of the net. Advan-

tage Yeothingys. Yet we kept pressing. Peter Zorbas to Ricky (my fellow Anglican) James, Ricky to Damien (the omen) Purando who let go a powerful shot smack into the net. Thats all she wrote. The Vees had numerous chances but we missed. Patrick (I left my heart between my legs) Dickinson missed. It was not to be. We left York with a tie, bitterly disappointed. However, as has been wisely said by Sage, Hirvanda Theravanda, the great Tibetan Lama. "The Voyageurs are first in love, first in soccer, first in our hearts and the pride of Laurentian University." Laurentian is soccer. Who am I to disagree.

Player of the game was Ricky (the pride of Hamilton, the city that is) James. Asshole of the game Stephen (the Portuguese scallop) Beites for offering to sell his sacred Laurentian Windbreaker for \$10 to a waitress. Steve, you could get at least \$11 at UC.

Corner Kicks:

Good to see our alumni out at both games. There was a Bull Baritch, Nick (the Greed) Gagatis, Daniel (Danny Boy) Mathews, Mary Anne (the lithesome and lovely) Moores. Dan (hold it) Zorbas, Susan (I like Mike Harris) Zorbas, and a host of other parents and friends. This Saturday we play the preppies from Queen's. Again a must win for the Vees. I will be there wearing my colorful CBC t-shirt which I deservedly won in a competition. See ya eh! The Vees must show discipline against the physical and highly motivated preppies.

Intramurals 1997-1998 School Year

<u>Sports</u>	<u>Registration</u>	<u>Event Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>
Mixed Volleyball (Limit: 24 teams)	Opens: Tues., Nov. 4 Closes: Thurs., Nov.	Feb. 10 to March 19 (Tues. & Thurs.)	Ben Avery Gym PHED Centre
Co-ed Ultimate Frizbee (Limited)	Opens: Tues., Nov. 18 Closes: Tues., Nov. 25	Jan. 10 & 11 (Sat. & Sun.)	LU Fields
Co-ed Soccer (Limit: 16 teams)	Opens: Tues., Nov. 26 Closes: Thurs., Nov. 27	Jan. 6 to Feb. 5 (Mon. to Thurs.)	Ben Avery Gym PHED Centre
Women's Hockey (Limit: 10 teams)	Opens: Mon., Nov. 24 Closes: Wed., Nov. 26	Jan. 7 to March 4 (Sun., Mon., & Wed.)	Countryside Arena
Belly Flop Competition (Limited)	Opens: Mon., Jan. 12 Closes: Fri., Jan. 16	Sun., Feb. 8 (1:30 p.m. start)	Olympic Gold Pool PHED Centre
Cross-Country Skiing (Unlimited)	Opens: Wed., Jan. 7 Closes: Wed., Jan. 14	Fri., Feb. 6 (2 p.m. start)	LU Ski Trails
Innertube Water Polo (Limit: 8 teams)	Opens: Tues., Jan. 6 Closes: Tues., Jan. 16	Feb. to be announced (Sundays-p.m.)	Olympic Gold Pool PHED Centre
Co-ed Badminton	Opens: Mon., Feb. 2 Closes: Thurs., Feb. 5	Sun., March 1	Ben Avery Gym PHED Centre
3 on 3 Basketball (Limit: 12 teams each)	Opens: Tues., Feb. Closes: Tues., Feb. 10	Sun., March 15	Ben Avery PHED Centre

Are you sports minded?
We would love to have you come and write for the sports section. we are always looking for assistants. If interested please drop by SCE 301 and ask for Jason

By James Bryers

WHADA'YA MEAN "LOCS HAS BITE!"?

Well for several weeks now you've been walking around the school asking yourself, "Whada'ya mean LOCS has BITE!" and now after much secrecy we are prepared to tell you. LOCS has BITE! is the new campaign this year put forth by Laurentian Off-Campus Students.

LOCS is trying to raise awareness of its organization, but it needs some help... from you! So LOCS is holding a contest. A contest to give the organization some identity. A contest to create a symbol that the students with recognize as LOCS. A contest, for a SPOKESDOG. That's right, a spokesdog. And we want you to design it!

This is how the contest works. You create the dog, you give him/her a name, you give him/her a slogan and you submit it to LOCS and you could be the big winner. You may ask yourself, and it is a valid question, what the hell do I win?!? Its simple. If your dog is chosen, he becomes the new mascot for the organization. In exchange for giving us something with BITE, we'll be giving you a \$50 gift certificate to the LCBO so you can get something with

BITE! This contest is open to all Laurentian students and the deadline for submissions is October 30th. Please see Rules and Regulations below or in the clubs room. The grand unveiling is on November 1st at Backstreet.

ROCKTOBERFEST is coming on October 13th and LOCS has a pair of tickets to draw! On October 4th be at Backstreet for our LOCS Pijama Party for your chance to win a pair of tickets to see an exclusive concert with the FOO FIGHTERS. If you received a ticket last weekend from us, hold on to it and bring it Saturday night to Backstreet where we will be drawing for your chance to win two Rocktoberfest shirts... your only ticket to see the Foo Fighters. Come in your P.J.'s.... leave in a Rocktoberfest T-shirt. This is a joint contest with Molson Canadian Rocks and Q92.

Coming up after the Turkey weekend, LOCS has your number for things to do before you're sent tumbling into the horror of exams. Keep your eyes peeled to the LOCS/EHCL Calendar in Lambda for info on our Hallowe'en Bash, Beer and Pizza Social, Semi-Formal Party and

Retro 80's Lip-Synching Contest. We're always giving something away and having fun on Saturday nights at Backstreet, Sudbury's new number one hot spot on Saturday nights.

The LOCS council still has a few positions open. If you'd like to help out and volunteer with Laurentian Off-Campus Students call 669-0841 or 670-9958 if you're interested.



LOCS has BITE! Contest Rules and Regulations

1. You must be a Laurentian student to enter.
2. You must be at least 19 years of age by January 1, 1998.
3. All entries must be at least 4" x 4" and on unlined paper. Entries should be in colour but are not required to be. Names should be unoffensive and short. Slogans should be unoffensive and printed neatly. Entries are not required to have a slogan. Laurentian Off-Campus Students reserve the right to change the name of the spokesdog.
4. All entries must be in good taste, and the spokesdog may NOT be pictured with alcoholic beverages of any kind.
5. All entries must be submitted to the Laurentian Off-Campus Students mailbox by Thursday, October 30, 1997.
6. All entries, characters, names and slogans become property of Laurentian Off-Campus Students.
7. The prize for the winning entry will be awarded at the presentation of the spokesdog at Backstreet on November 1, 1997.

LOCS/EHCL Calendar

Sat. Oct. 4: LOCS Pijama Party @ Backstreet. ROCKTOBERFEST tickets to be won.
Fri. Oct. 10 - Mon. Oct. 13: Turkey Break, Happy Thanksgiving.
Fri. Oct. 17: LOCS On-Campus Pub @ Pub Downunder.
Sat. Oct. 18: Oktoberfest Celebration @ Backstreet. Prizes to be won.
Sat. Oct. 25: Hallowe'en Bash @ Backstreet. Prizes for best costumes.
Sat. Nov. 1: LOCS has BITE! Gala @ Backstreet. The unveiling and prizes.
Fri. Nov. 7: LOCS "&Pizza" Social. Location TBA.
Fri. Nov. 14: LOCS On-Campus Pub @ Pub Downunder.
Sat. Nov. 15: LOCS Retro 80's Lip-Synching Contest @ Backstreet. Prizes.
Sat. Nov. 22: LOCS Christmas Semi-Formal. Watch for Details.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



WIN A RIDE WITH SANTA IN THE 1997 SANTA CLAUS PARADE!!

Again this year, the Santa Claus Parade is looking for children to ride with Santa in this year's parade.

HOW TO ENTER: Simply enter the colouring contest
ENTRY DEADLINES: Monday, November 10, 1997
AGES: Open to all children from 5-12 years

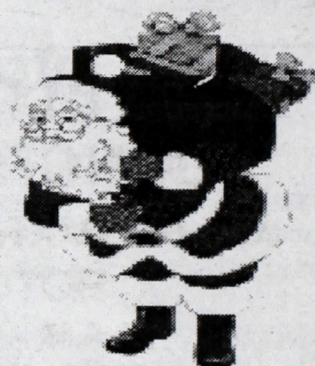
Simply mail your picture to Sudbury Metro Centre (43 Elm Street, 2nd floor, Sudbury, Ontario, P3C 1S4)...or Drop in Santa's special mail box soon to be located at the corner of Durham and Elm Streets.

COLOURING CONTEST FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT:

1. City of Sudbury, Leisure Services (Civic Square)
2. Sudbury Metro Centre (43 Elm St. 2nd Fl.)
3. National Trust (corner of Durham and Larch Streets)

REMINDERS:

PARADE DATE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1997 - 12:30 P.M.
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TIME CHANGE for the Wednesday Grocery Bus.

It will run from 5-7pm instead of 4:30-6:30.

CHANGEMENT D'HEURE pour la Navette d'Epicerie les mercredis.

Elle va maintenant de 17h à 19h.

MEET THE SGA EXECUTIVE week of October 6 1997. The SGA Executive will be around campus handing out agendas and answering any questions you may have. Watch for them in Science II, Bowling alley, Great Hall and Phys.Ed. areas.

IMPORTANT

For Any SGA members who would like to participate in the Health Plan for their family. You need to come to the SGA office in the Student Centre SCE212 before October 8, 1997 and register your family for \$65.00/12 months. The plan consists of 80% coverage for prescription drugs(some exceptions) and athletic therapy. PLAN IS ALSO AVAILABLE TO ALPS STUDENTS FOR \$110.00 SINGLE COVERAGE PLUS \$65 FOR FAMILY.

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Laurentian University's 2nd Annual Open House

On Saturday, October 25, Laurentian University will host its 2nd Annual Open House. By taking part in a wide variety of fun-filled events, members of all ages of the community of Sudbury will discover why Laurentian is the place to be! All activities will be free of charge, and there will be free parking.

The Open House has something to awaken the imagination of everyone: adults, students from kindergarten through college and university, and seniors. The Open House will also feature special contests and activities for both elementary and secondary school students.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., countless activities will be offered in various parts of the Laurentian campus. There will be a children's activity area including face painting. Other activities will include a cyber café, displays, workshops, mini archaeological dig, planetarium show, a scavenger hunt with great prizes, fitness testing, book sale, magic of chemistry show, and demonstrations on dozens of topics.

While on campus, visitors may also enjoy a free public swim, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the University's Olympic-size swimming pool, or take part in minor games for all ages in the Ben Avery Gymnasium from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The public is also invited to watch, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., a varsity swimming competition involving athletes from Laurentian University and the universities of Waterloo and Guelph.

There will be a free barbecue lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Science II Cafeteria and the Ben

Avery Building. Entertainment will be provided in the Science II Cafeteria by local groups such as Matante Florence and the Huntington Jazz Ensemble. A free evening concert, featuring staff and students from the Huntington School of Music, will be held in the Fraser Auditorium, at 7 p.m.

Open House programs, with a map and guide to all activities, will be available on the Laurentian campus, at the Fraser Auditorium and the Great Hall, starting at 9:30 a.m. on the day of the event.

Parliament Guide Recrutement Drive

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For more information, please call (613) 992-4793. Information is also available on the Parliamentary Internet Parlementaire at www.parl.gc.ca but electronic applications will not be accepted.

The deadline is Monday, November 10, 1997.

Recrutement des guides parlementaires

Le Parlement du Canada recherche de jeunes canadiennes et canadiens bilingues (français et anglais) qui étudient à temps plein à l'université et qui accepteraient de participer à un programme d'emploi inoubliable à Ottawa l'été prochain. De la fête de la Reine Victoria à la fête du Travail, les guides parlementaires accueillent des centaines de milliers de visiteurs et les aident à mieux comprendre et apprécier l'histoire et les fonctions de la législature fédérale de notre pays. Ce milieu de travail exceptionnel donne aux étudiants l'occasion de s'informer à fond sur le Parlement, d'acquiescer des qualités d'orateurs, d'apprendre à s'exprimer avec plus de facilité dans leur seconde langue officielle et de nouer de belles amitiés avec des personnes d'un océan à l'autre.

Les formulaires de demande

sont disponibles au bureau de placement étudiants de votre université.

Pour de plus ample renseignements, veuillez composer le (613) 992-4793. Des renseignements sont disponibles sur le Parliamentary Internet Parlementaire à www.parl.gc.ca mais les envois par courrier électronique ne seront pas acceptés.

La date limite est le lundi 10 novembre 1997.

Furniture Drive

Sudbury's first Furniture Drive will take place on Saturday, October 11/97. Donations of good used furniture and household items will be collected & delivered to needy families in our area.

Items needed: Beds and bedding, dressers, sofas, pictures, tables and chairs, pots & pans, small appliances and children's toys. Any items that will "make a house" will be greatly appreciated.

Appliances in good working conditions are also needed. Clothing items will also be appreciated. The holiday season will soon be upon us and there will many requests for Christmas decorations.

Donations will be matched with families in need.

Proud sponsor's of the furniture drive are CHNO Radio and Neeley's Van and Storage. Neeley's will pickup directly from your home on Saturday, October 11/97 & deliver to a family in need.

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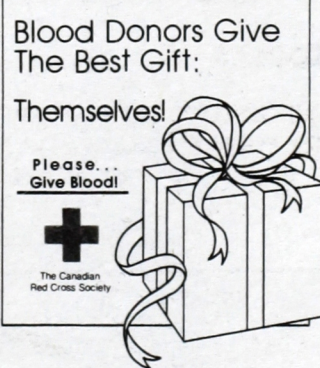
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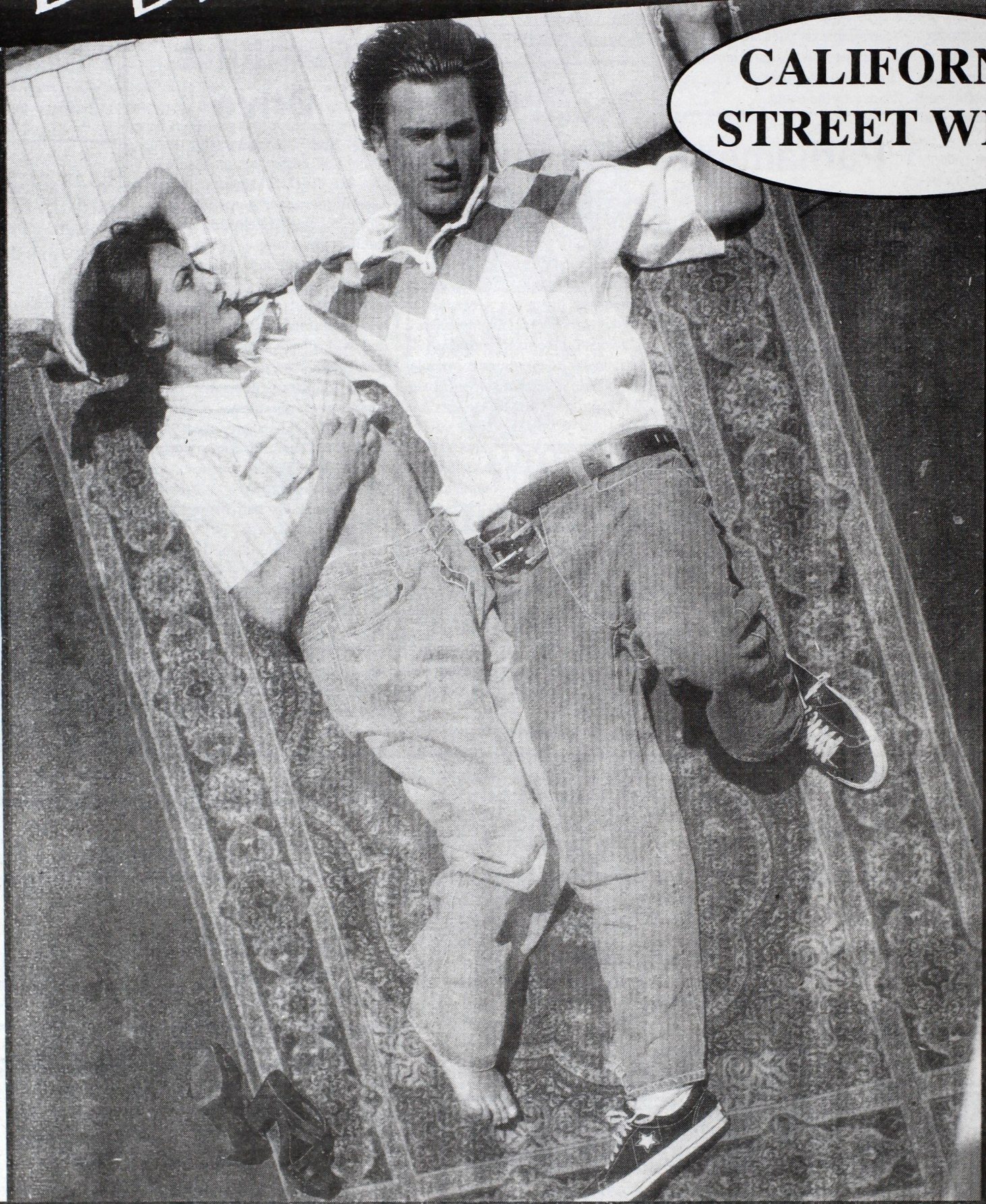
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